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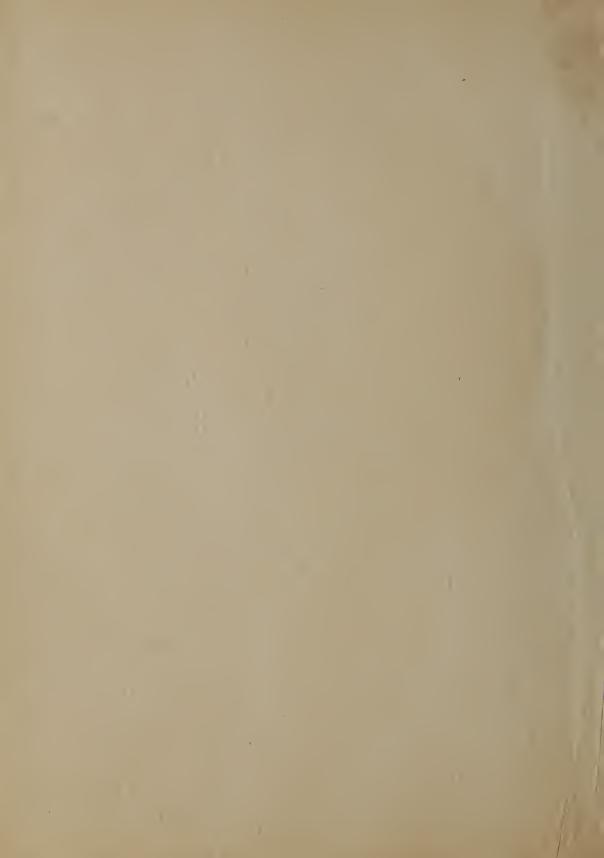
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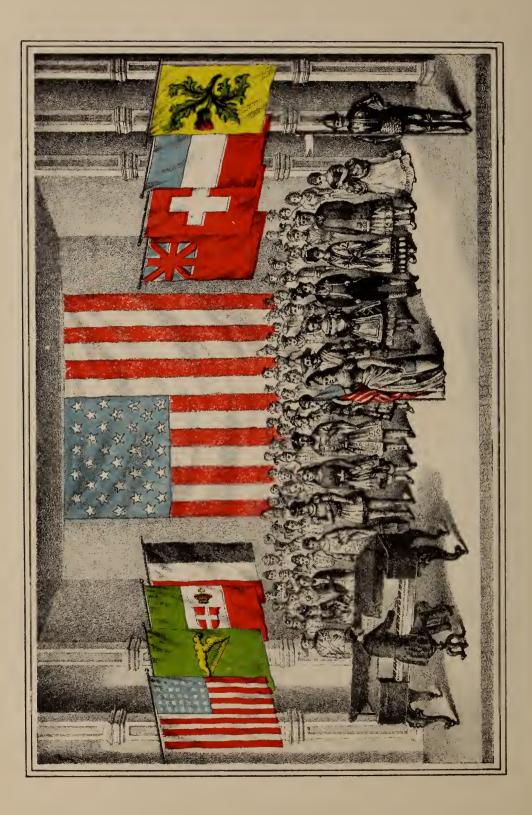
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A CANTATA,

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PREFACE.

THE music of every nation has distinctive characteristics more or less pronounced. It is on this idea that the Song Tournament is founded.

It should be said, however, that the characteristic music of nations is not so much shown in their national airs as in their choruses, part songs, and ballads; so these are chosen for the purposes of this work.

It is also true that the characteristic music of a nation is not always the best of which its musicians are capable. Many French and English composers have written magnificently in German and Italian modes, and certainly the best American composers are not they who write the music that is, if any, distinctively American.

In fact, America is admitted to this Tournament mainly on the ground that here is where "all are welcome and where all unite,"—"where all tongues are spoken and where all songs are sung," and if the interest in this work increases toward the end it will be because of the popular and patriotic character of the airs there used, and because of the idea that all nationalities join in singing them, and not because they can be compared for a moment in intrinsic merit with the standard music which has preceded them.

No special directions are needed for this Cantata when it is sung "book in hand," excepting, perhaps, that the numbers should follow each other promptly and the connections be made without hesitation or delay.

For suggestions when the piece is committed to memory, and for further explanations, see the following explanations and directions.

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EXPLANATIONS AND DIRECTIONS.



WHETHER this Cantata is sung "book in hand" or committed to memory, there are two ways in which it may be given, viz.: All may sing in all the full choruses or they (the full choruses) may be distributed among the singers, if the number is large enough to give to each chorus the requisite power.

If the latter plan is carried out it will generally be by different clubs, or choirs, or societies, (perhaps in different towns) taking the different parts. The Euglish representatives will take numbers 3, 4, and 6, the Germans, numbers 7, and 8, the Swiss, number 10, the Italians, number 12, and the French, numbers 14, and 15. Ireland will be represented by numbers 18, Scotland by number 19, and America by numbers 21, 23, and the Three Choirs. Since the remainder of the music is not distinctively American, (the leading melody being as much an English National air as an American, and being we believe of German origin), all unite in numbers 28, 29, and 30.

In carrying out this plan, all should meet for one or two rehearsals of these last three numbers, but the interest will be greater if the Characteristic pieces are not presented until the evening of the competition or Tournament.

In either case, all unite in the Finale (No. 30) or even before, that all may be distributed into the Three Choirs that begin with No. 25. This may be done, because the theory of the piece is that all these nationalities are at home in this the land of their adoption.

If the union of all commences with the Three Choirs, then all unite in Chorus No. 28 excepting the Quartette, who sing No. 29, and the men who take the Canto fermo (My Country, 'tis of thee) in No. 30. But all join fully in the Finale.

FLAGS.

When committed to memory it is suggested that the different nationalities be manifested by flags. In every place a handsome American flag can be obtained, and the others can be easily and inexpensively made, if not otherwise obtainable. Muslin or cambric will look perfectly well by gas-light.

For patterns of the flags to be used, see frontispiecc.

The large American flag at the back of the stage, is the only one in sight at first. The other flags appear one by one in the order of their music. They may be brought in and their staffs placed in sockets so as to have the flags droop as in the picture, or they may be so arranged as to have the flags drawn to the ends of the staffs when the singers appear, the staffs being stationary, or the flags may be made to slide in on wires.

The object is to have them gradually form a background, and finally appear something as in the picture.

The English flag appears at the instant "Awake, Æolian Lyre," No. 4, commences;

The German, at "Joyful we Greet," No. 8;

The Swiss, at "A Song for Tyrol Land," No. 10;

The Italian, at "Oh, Italia, Beloved," No. 12;

The French, at "With Colors gayly Flying," No. 15;

The Irish, at "Killarney," No. 18;

The Scotch, at "Bonnie Dundec," No. 19;

And the American at the entrance of Columbia.

"Columbia" should have another American flag to stand by while she sings No. 16. She may bring it in and sustain it in position herself, if not too heavy. This flag should remain through the Finale as a central object. (It may be sustained by a standard-bearer after Columbia has retired.) Each of the Three American Choirs may have a smaller flag, and any number of hand-flags may be introduced at the Finale. These all should wave with the climax of the Finale, beginning about at "All Hail!" near the last page.

The Spirit of Song has a wand.

The Herald has a small flag such as are used by "markers" in the army, which rests on the ground during his announcements. (See picture.)

The names of the flags need not be introduced, as in the picture.

COSTUMES.

Characteristic costumes may or may not be used in the performance of this Cantata. If used, the Spirit of Song would wear white, as near in robe form as the fashion would permit. If spangled, the better.

For the Herald, any picturesque costume suited to his office that may be convenient. A helmet, short sack or jacket, and belt, etc.

A Swiss costume for the semi-chorus singing No. 10, will be easily arranged. Pointed hats, etc., for the men, and short dresses of bright colors for the ladies.

The French Chorus representing the masqueraders at the "Mardi Gras," may have the usual masquerading costumes, but without masks. If the same voices sing in the other choruses, their masquerading dresses can be so arranged as to be quickly thrown on, while the Herald and Quartette of French singers are singing numbers 13 and 14. The Quartette of French singers should not be in masquerading costume.

Columbia is in red, white and blue, and wears a Liberty Cap.

The Irish girl, a short dress of some simple material; the Scotch girl, one of plaid.

The true singer of Old Folks at Home is a negro or mulatto. A female voice is preferred for this song, but a male voice, if sweet and sympathetic, will answer well. The style of this song is pathetic. Its rendering should be artistic and refined.

"Our Native Song" (No. 23) may be sung by Brother Jonathan—striped pants with straps for boots, blue coat with bright buttons, etc., but the dress should look well, for there is no burlesque about the song. If the high bell-crowned hat is worn, it should be taken off during the singing.

For the numbers not mentioned in connection with costuming, the usual dresses of ladies and gentlemen, but as uniform as possible.

Position and Action.

In regard to position and action for this Cantata very little direction is required. It being a representation of music (not haymaking or any outside subject), it will be proper to have the piano, or whatever instruments accompany, in sight. The arrangement in the picture is a good one, although any other position may be chosen for the instrument. If there is a conductor separate from the pianist or Herald, his stand should be near the piano; or if in front, so placed as not to obstruct the view of the stage. When the Introduction commences no one is on the stage.

The Spirit of Song comes in in time to commence her solo promptly at the close of the introduction. During her singing she waves her wand at appropriate points, particularly at the words, "And I breathe o'er them heaven's sweetest lay," and at the end. She retires at the end of her song, and joins in what follows as she pleases. Perhaps by some change in her appearance she takes some of the other parts.

The Herald comes in promptly at No. 2, and, having taken his stand, remains at his post during the performance.

The English Trio come in when the Herald says: "Singers, come forth." Let all the singers come well to the front.

The English Chorus gather in time to join right on to the Trio, even before they close their last chord. The Trio fall back into their places in the chorus as quietly as possible. The Chorus retire after their number, and the Herald goes on with No. 5 without delay.

The semi-chorus for "Oh! hush thee" (eight or twelve voices) come in while he is singing, to be ready to commence promptly. If this number can be sung without accompaniment so much the better, but there should be here and in many of the other pieces a good degree of delicate piano singing. If the German singers (No. 7) commence while coming forward (when they get pretty near to their positions) it will have a good effect.

Quartette, do not hold your long tones with the "organ tone" but swell and diminish them, while the Herald is joining you.

Let the German chorus (No. 8) march in while the prelude is playing. If thought best this marching may be prolonged, by the pianist playing on (without singing) through page 31. The chorus of men could begin their "Joyful we Greet" just as well from that point, as after the prelude.

When the chorus retire, the Herald goes on with No. 9, during which the Swiss singers appear,—eight or twelve voices.

Such men's voices should be chosen for this piece as can break easily into the falsetto to make the "yodel;" this number will require a good deal of careful practice.

The Italian chorus should not begin to come in until the Herald has said "With enchantment and delight," (in No. 11). If this does not give the chorus time to get their positions the pianist can go on playing the theme of the chorus (No. 12) until all are ready. Observe the tenor is uppermost in the score of this chorus, not next to the base as in the other choruses.

The French Quartette take their places while the last four measures on page 68 are being played. The French Chorus (No. 15) come in while their prelude is being played. They may begin singing before all get in.

The singers may move about during this chorus, and may act in accordance with the characters they are assuming.

A little rush forward with a sort of dive of head and hands at the forzando marks, will be in accordance with usage in this sort of singing (at "Oh, yes with colors," and "Oh, yes by proclamation," and "Yes, yes, this demonstration," etc.)

Some lively action from the end of page 82 to the end will heighten the humorousness of the effect; at No. 16, Columbia comes on alone, (unless a standard bearer is necessary) and from this point all who come on remain, retiring from the immediate front to their chorus or choir positions at the close of their respective performances.

The chorus that sing "A Song, yes a Song of Ireland" (page 87) may be simply the First Choir who are then on the stage.

At the word Ireland here, the singer of Killarney takes

ner place; after her song the Herald announces the Scotch song. The singer of that song comes on while the prelude to it is being played.

The singer of "Old Folks at Home" comes on as the Herald closes No. 20, at "Hear the old Melodies of Yankee Land;" in No. 22 Brother Jonathan comes strolling on for "Our Native Song."

The First Choir is already there for No. 25, standing on one side of the front. The Second Choir comes on in time to commence, according to directions, just before First Choir closes, and stands in the center. The Third Choir comes in while the Second Choir are singing their last lines and stands alongside, then all are in position for No. 27. At No. 28 all sing excepting the Quartette that are to sing No. 29, and the men who sing the Canto Fermo, (My Country, 'tis of Thee) in No. 30.

The Quartette for No. 20 take their places in front of the chorus; they retire to their places in the chorus at the close of their number.

During the last two measures of page 110 the men who are to sing the Canto Fermo come forward, to some prominent position in front that will least obstruct the view of the chorus.

The waving of the flags in the final chorus has been spoken of.

The foregoing are not rules, but suggestions—any variation from them may be made to accommodate peculiar circumstances, or to bring in new ideas.

The theory of the piece is, that the audience are the judges, but a judge's stand could easily be arranged and real judges could award real prizes for the piece or performance that was thought to be the best.

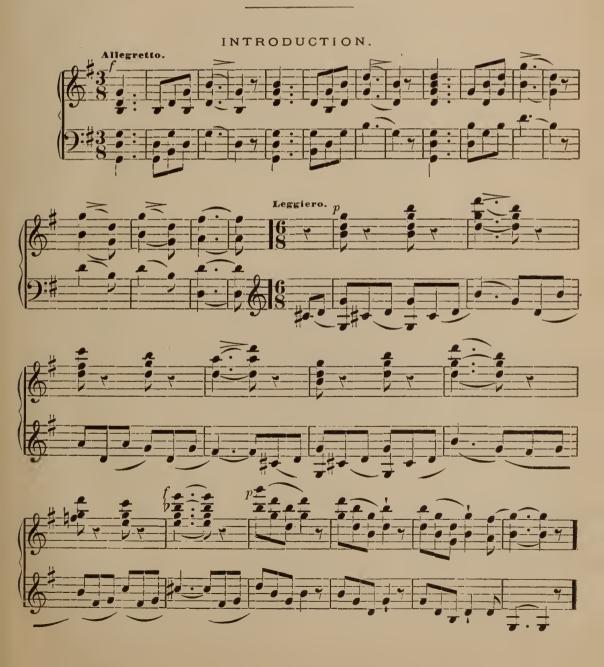
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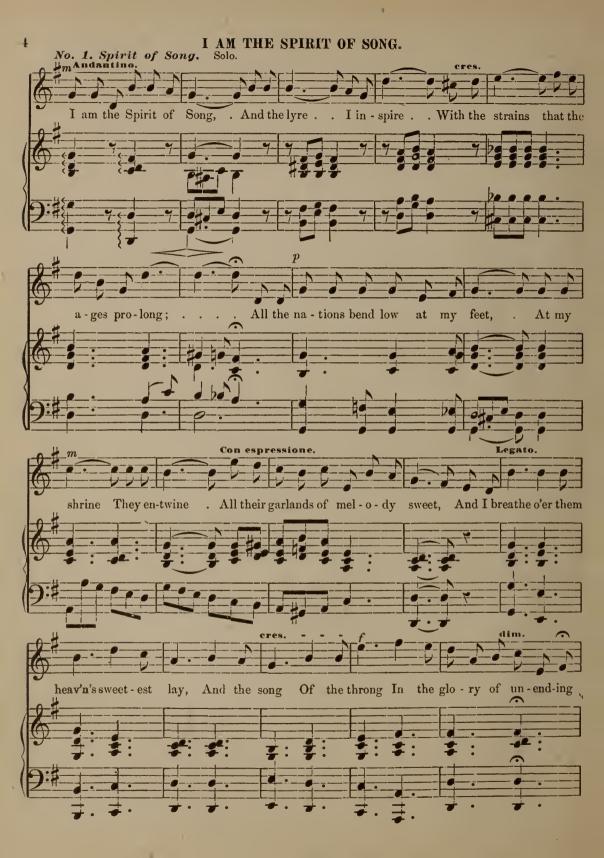
Spirit of Song
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German Singers
French Singers Sop., Alto, Ten., Base.
Columbia
Irish Song
Scotch Song MEZZO SOP. or ALTO.
American Southern Song
American Northern Song
American Quartette
SEMI-CHORUSES (Eight or Twelve Voices). English Part Song. Oh! Hush Thee, My Babic. 19 Tyrolean. A song for Tyrol-land. 43 FULL CHORUSES.
English. Awake, Æolian Lyre
German. Joyful we Greet
Italian. Oh! Italia, Italia Beloved
French. With Colors gaily Flying
American. Hail, hail, to Thee, Sweet Liberty
American. (Union of all). My Country 'tis of Thee

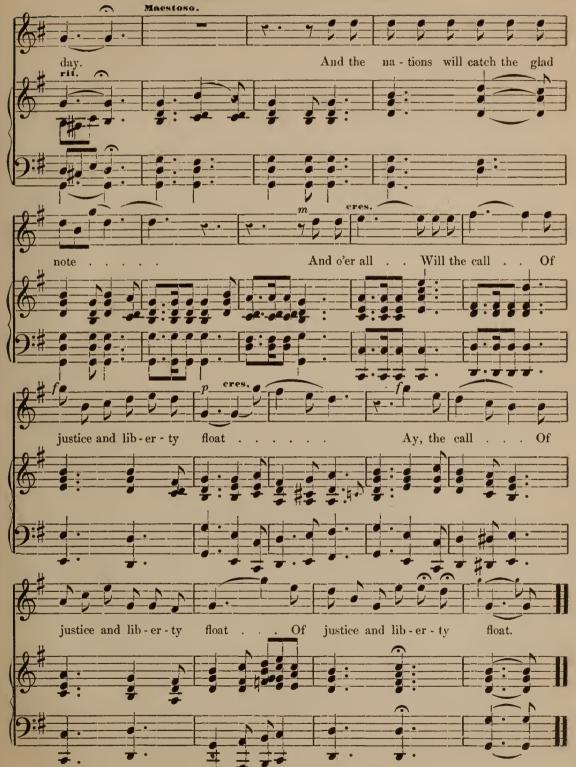
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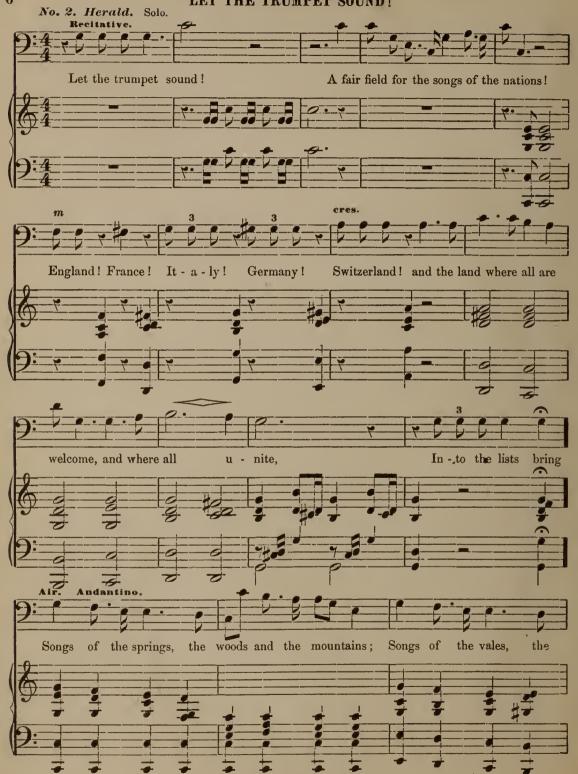
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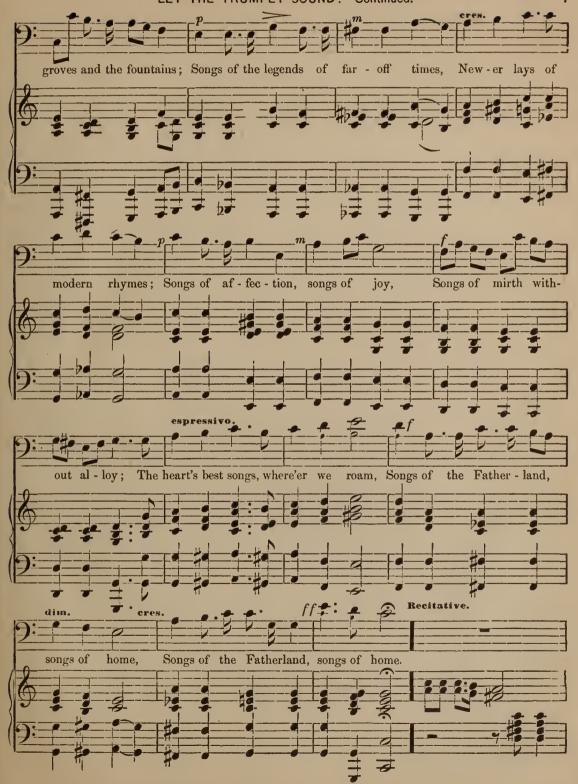
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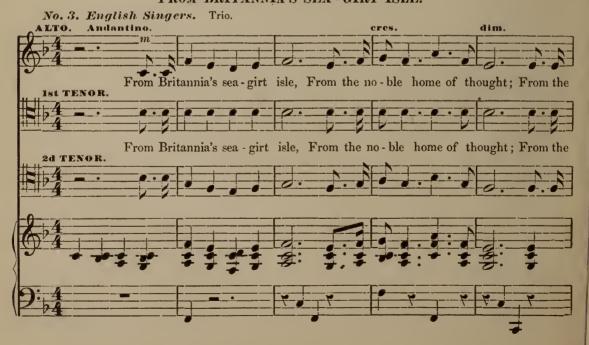


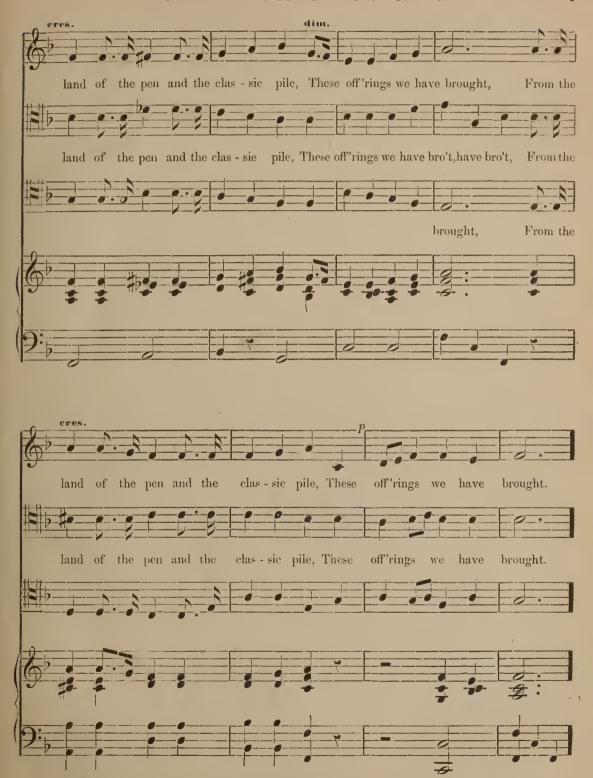


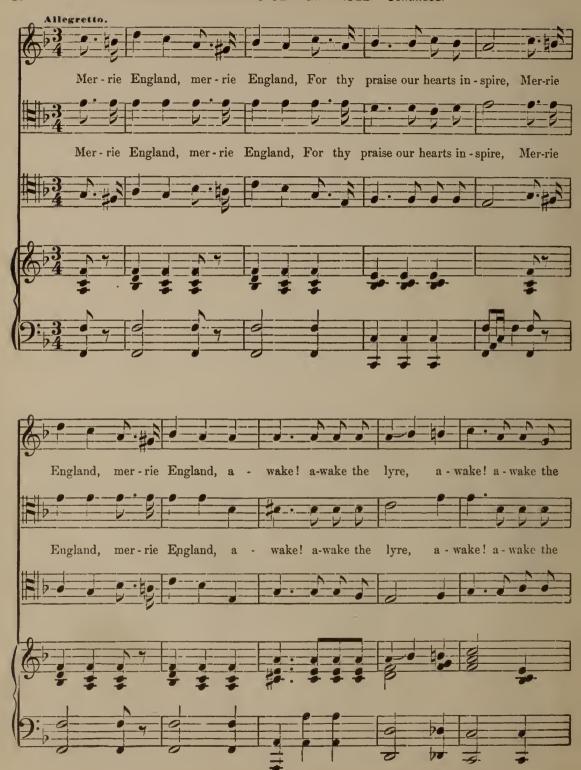


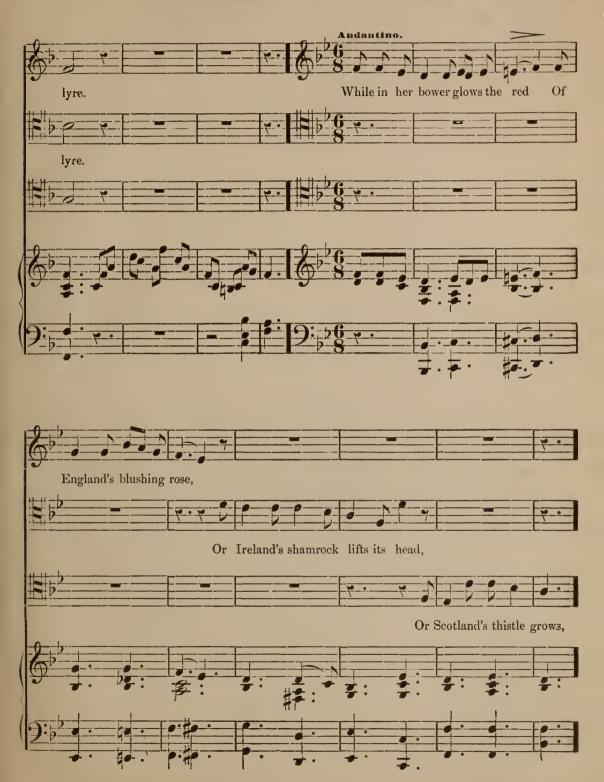


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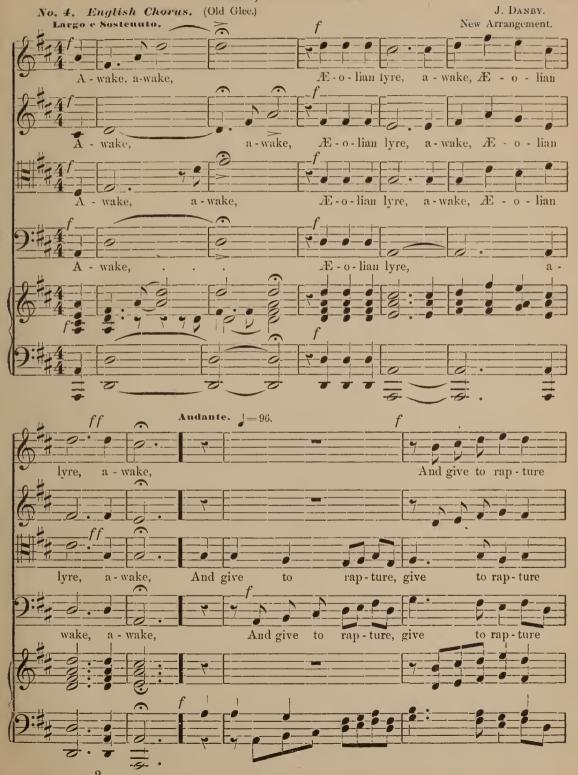






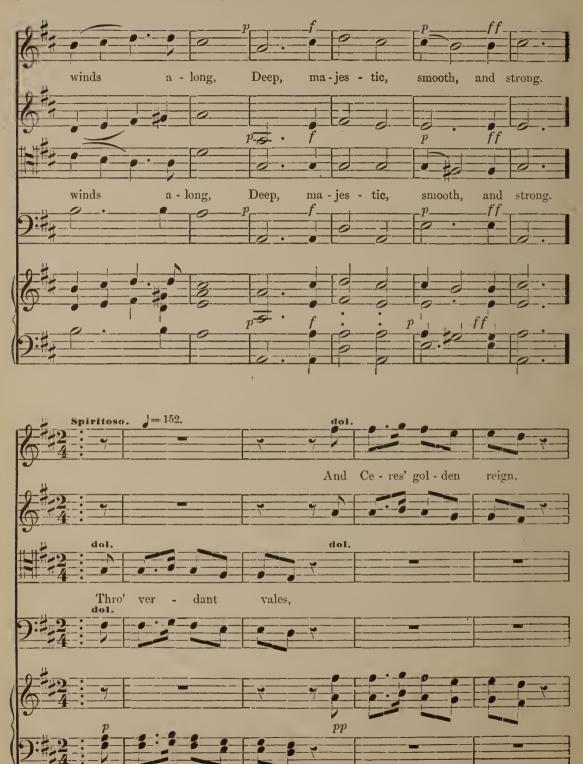




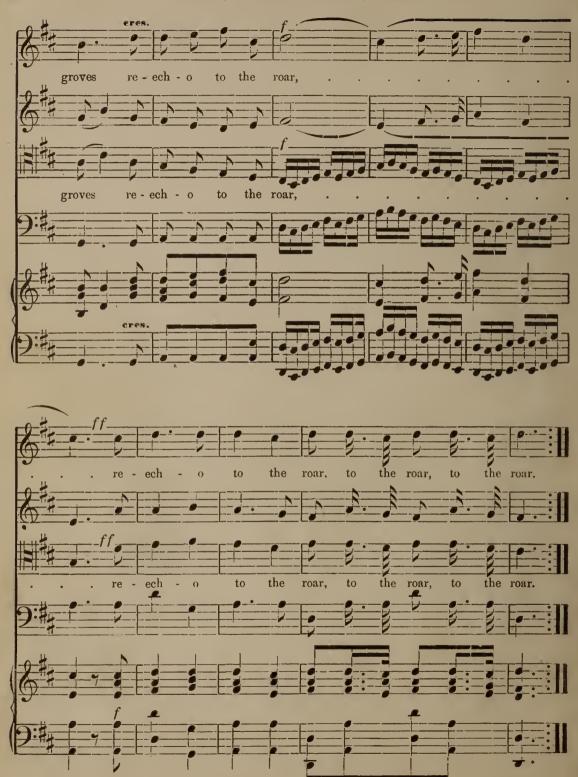


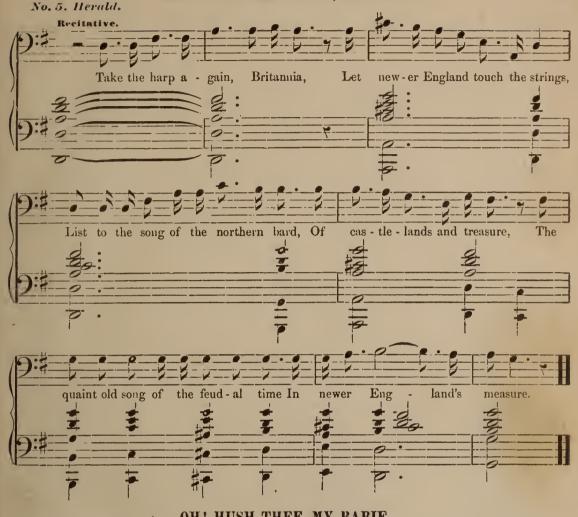






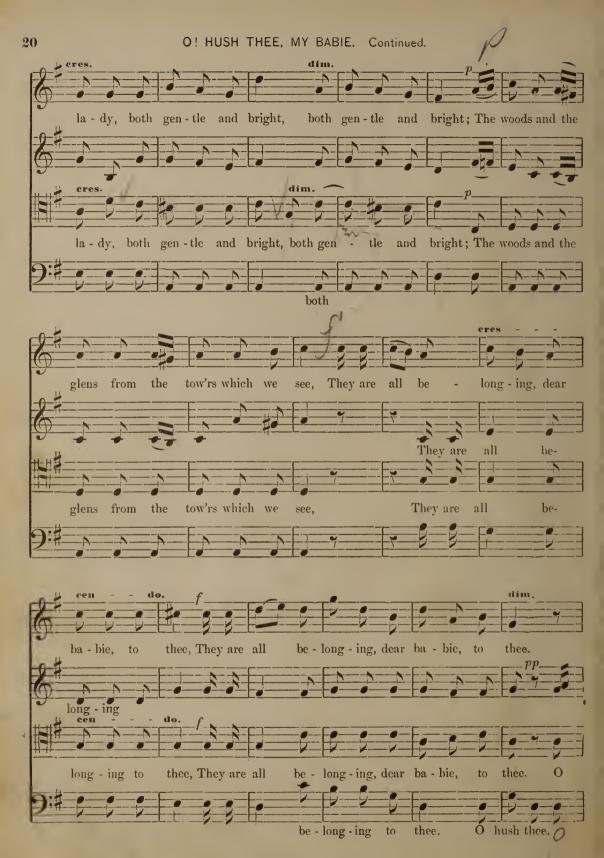


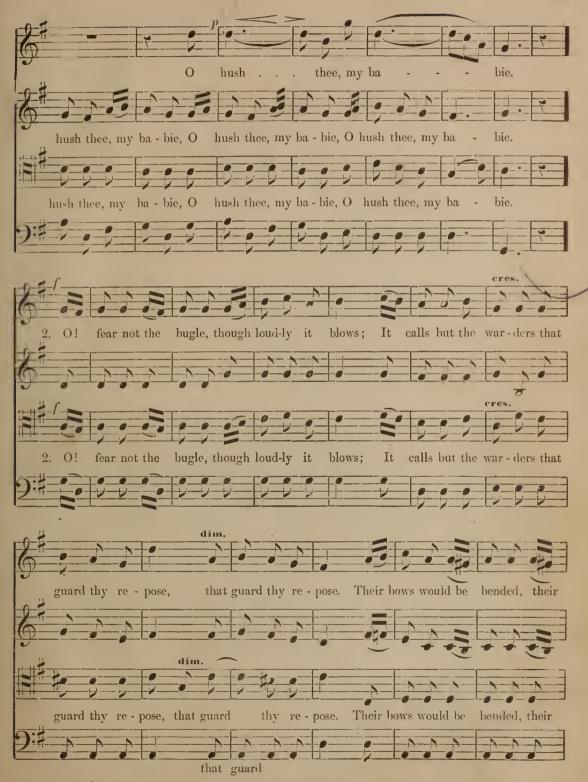


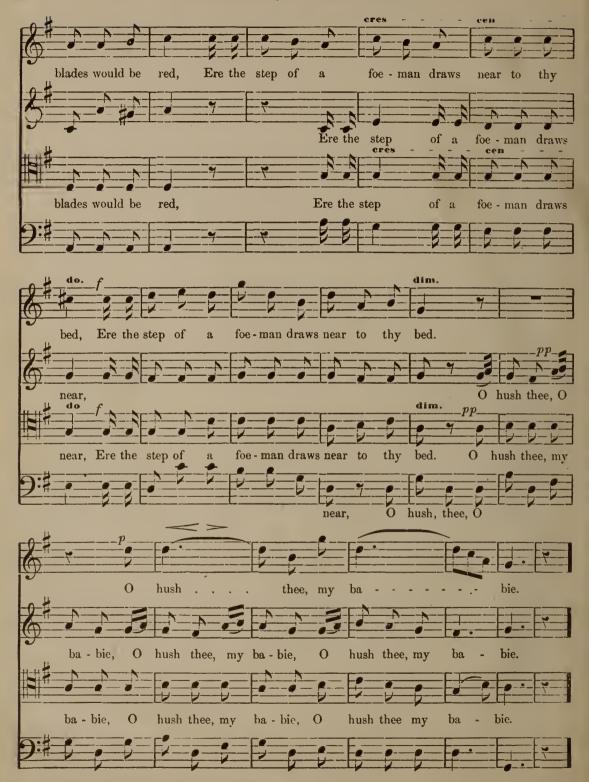


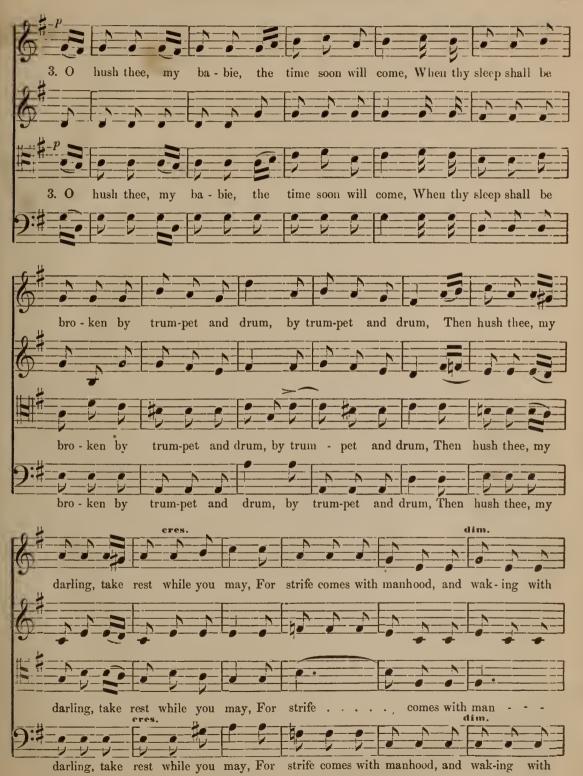
OH! HUSH THEE, MY BABIE.

No. 6. English Part-Song. (Modern.) Semi-Chorus. SIR WALTER SCOTT. ARTHUR S. SULLIVAN. hush thee, my sire knight, Thy moth-er a ba - bie, thy was hush the, pa - bie, thy knight, Thy moth-er a my sire was









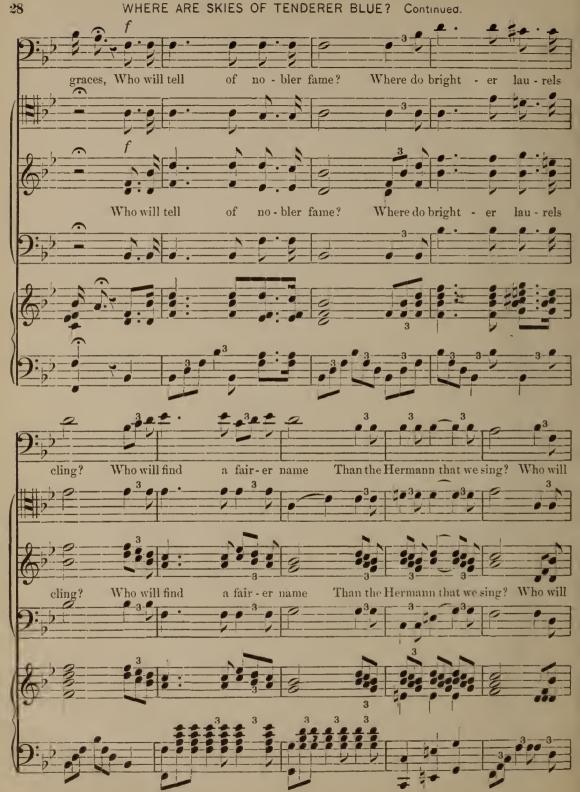


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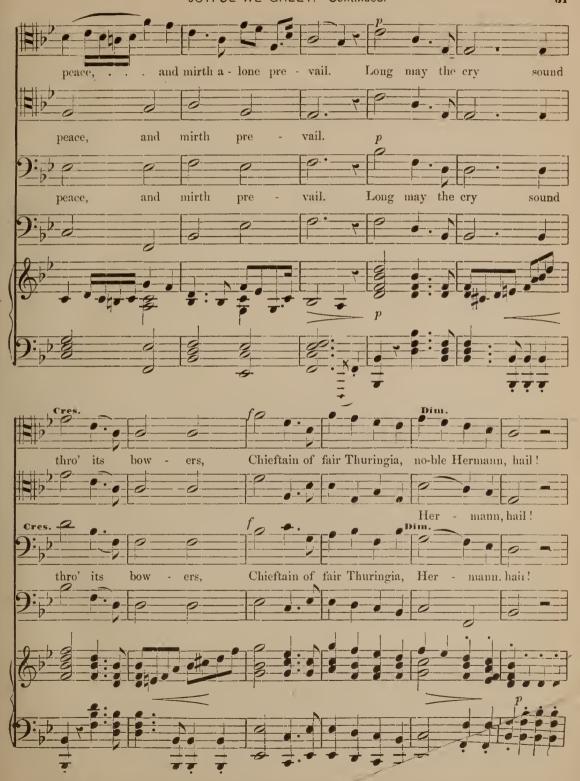


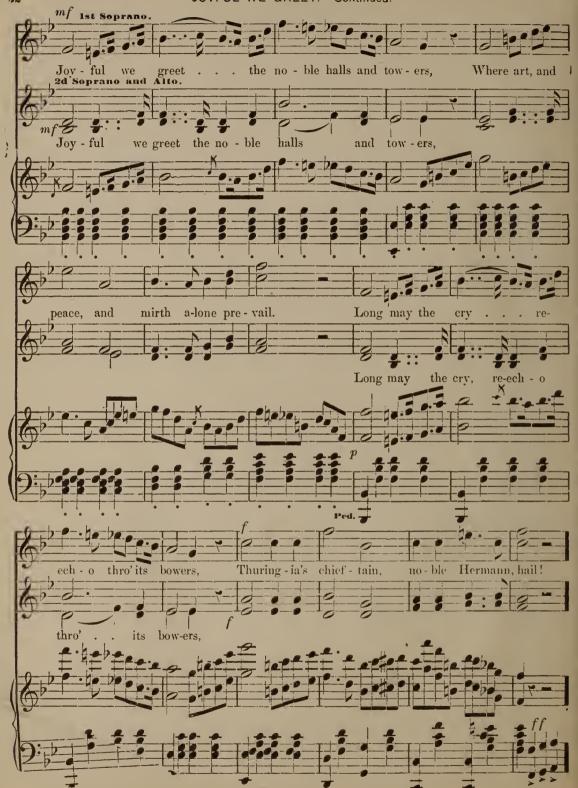


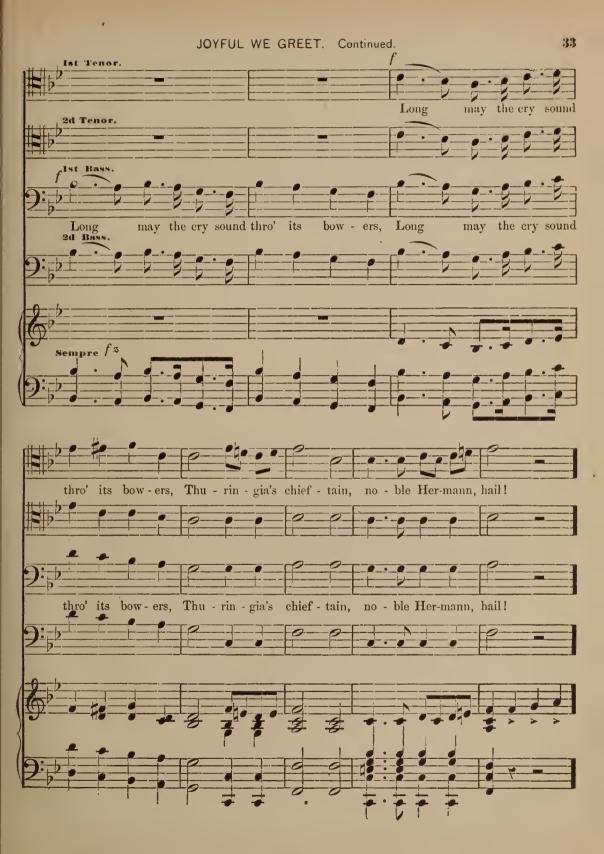


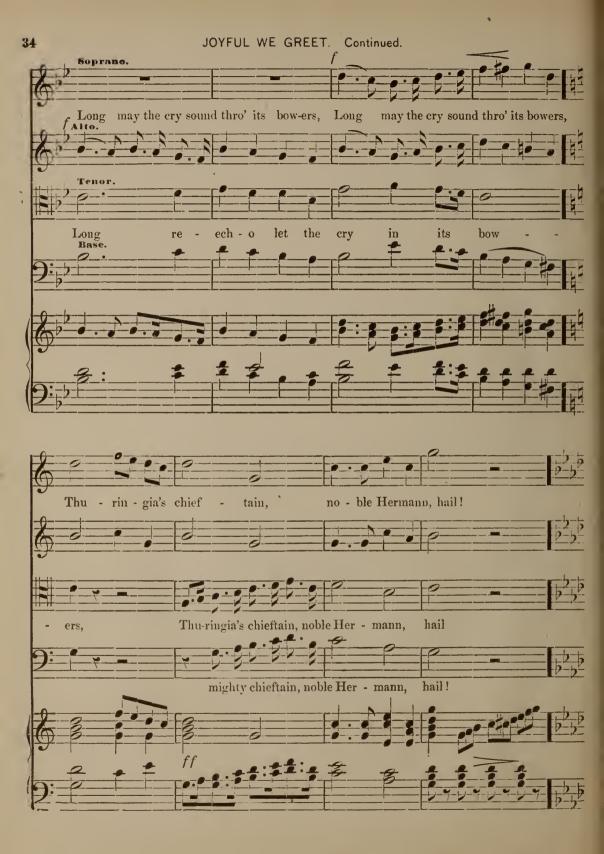
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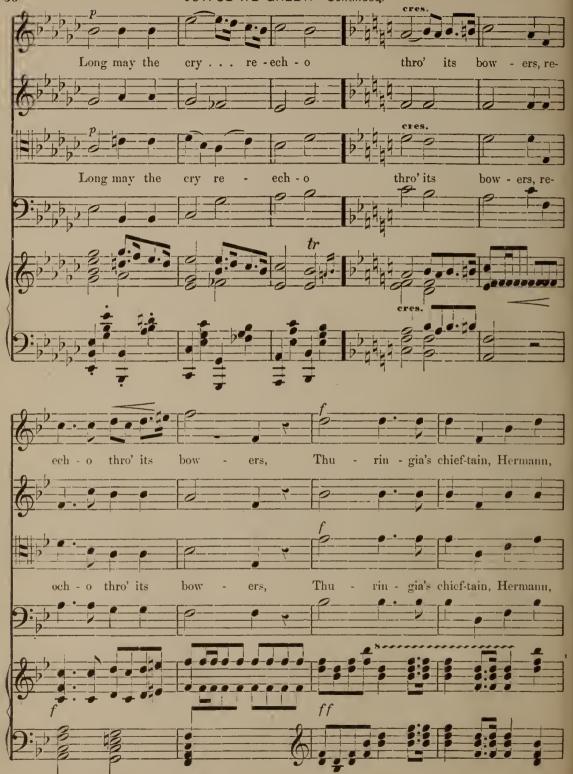










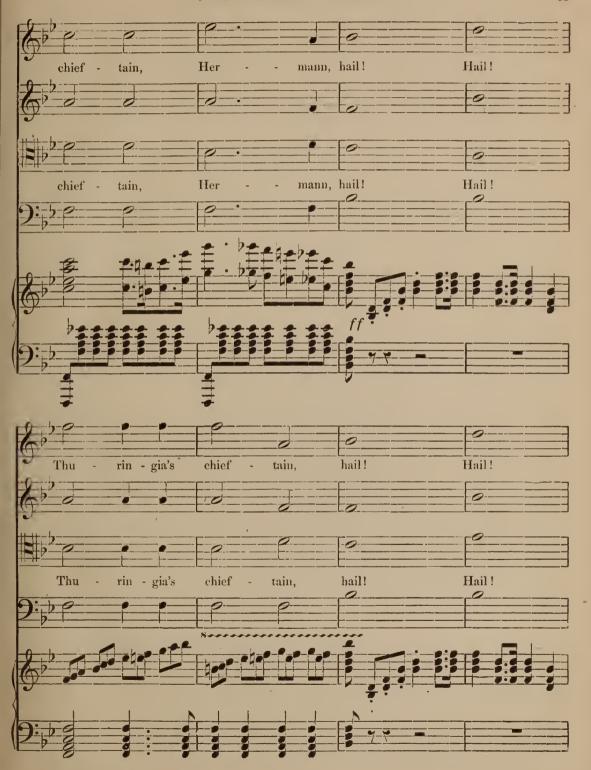


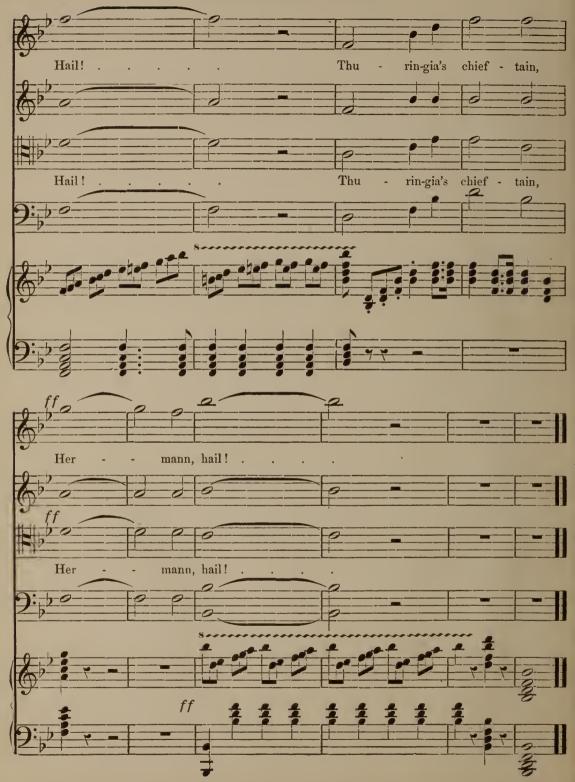


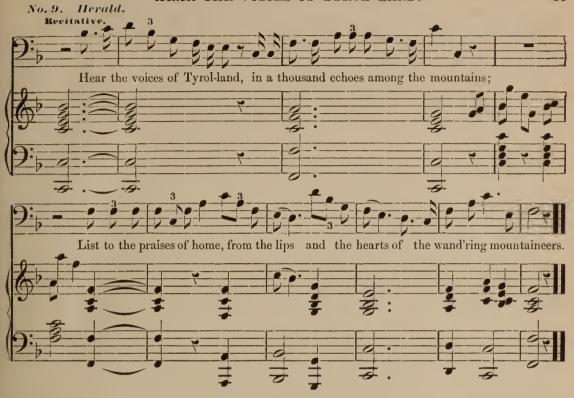




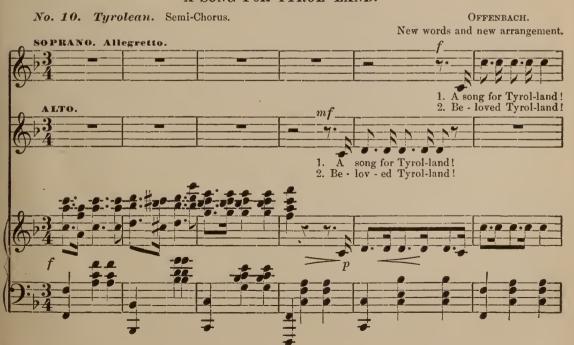






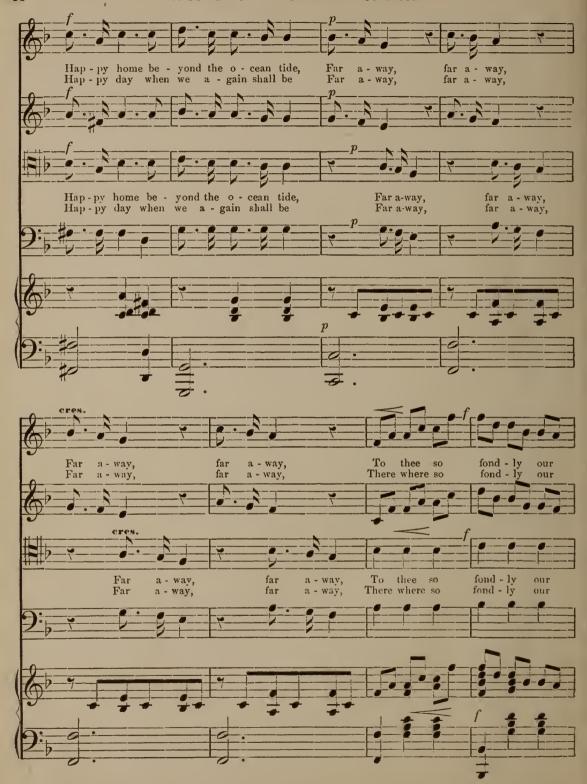


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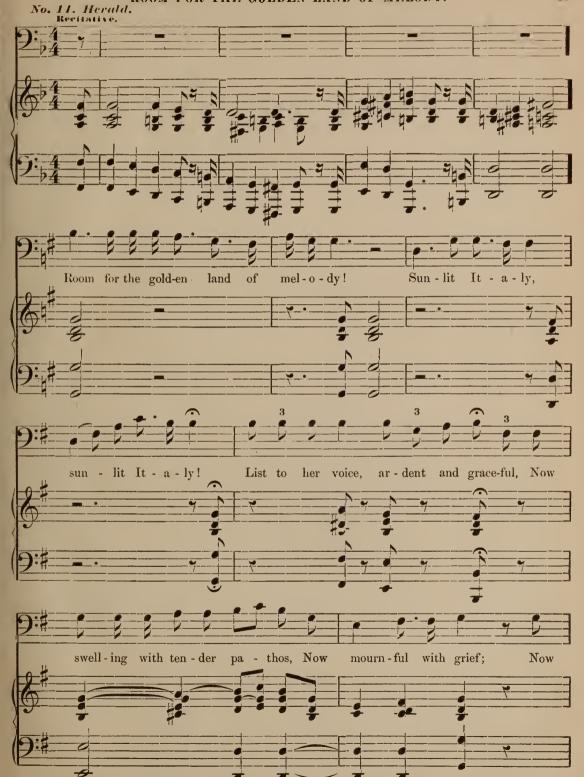


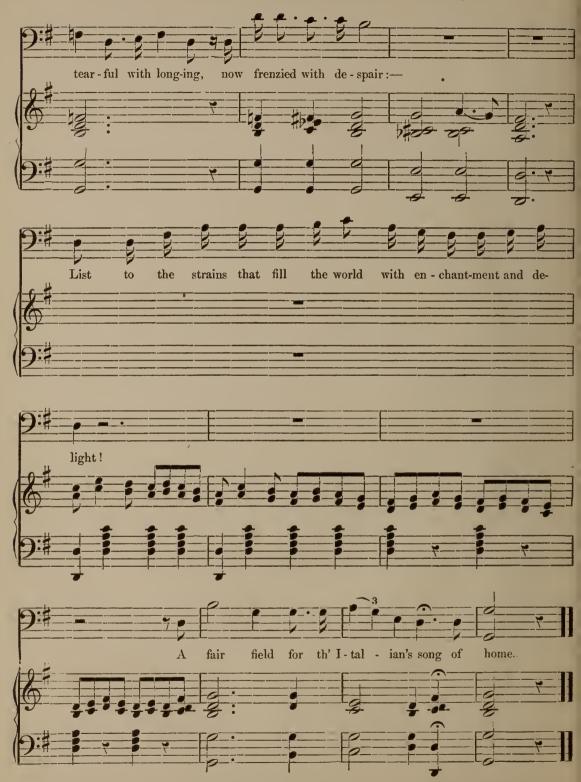




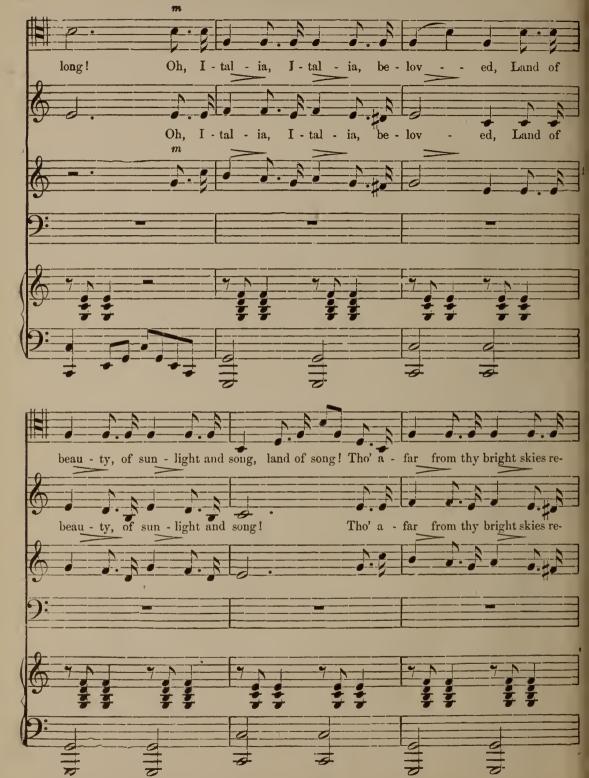




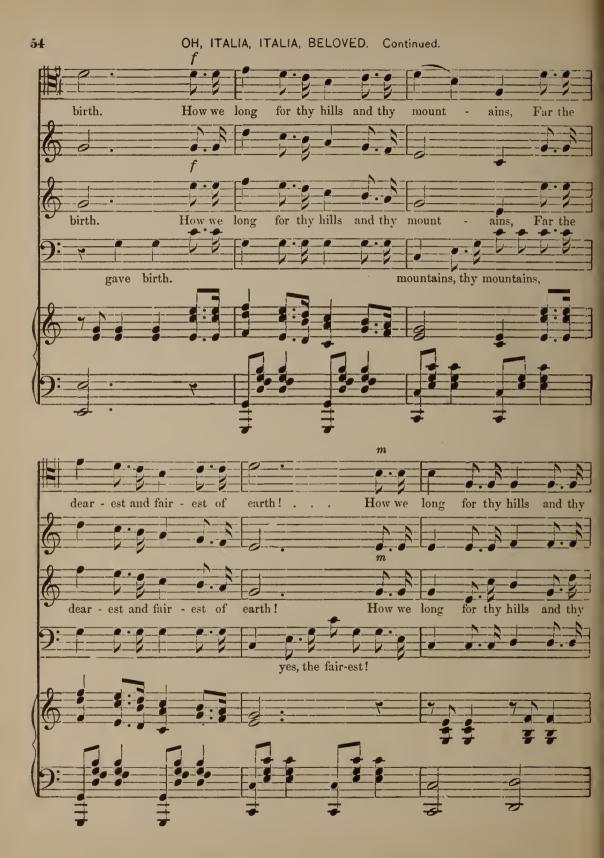


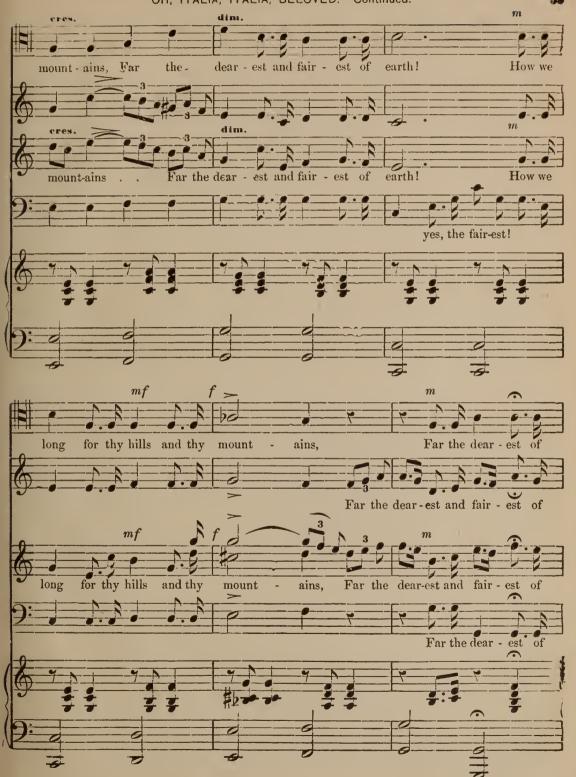






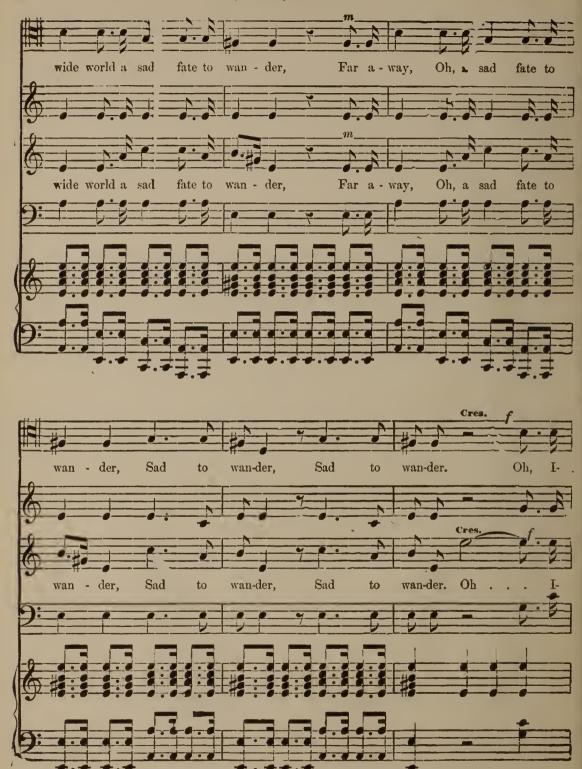


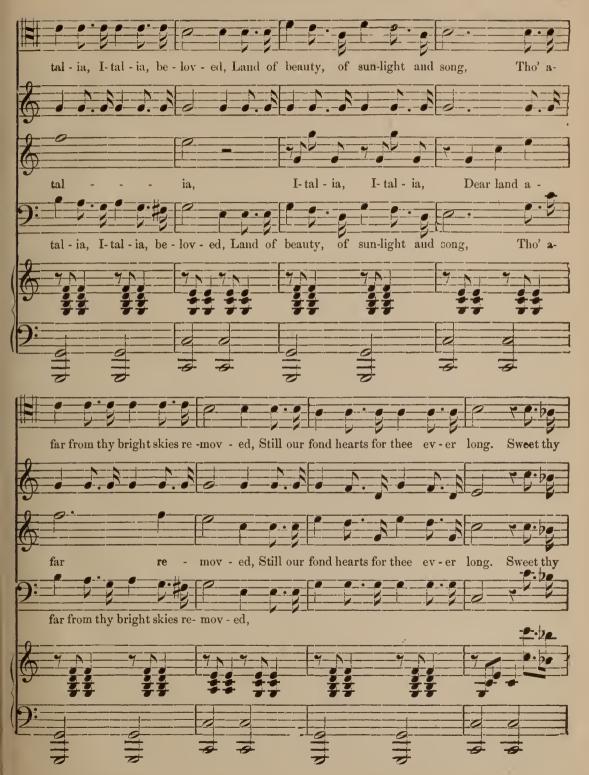


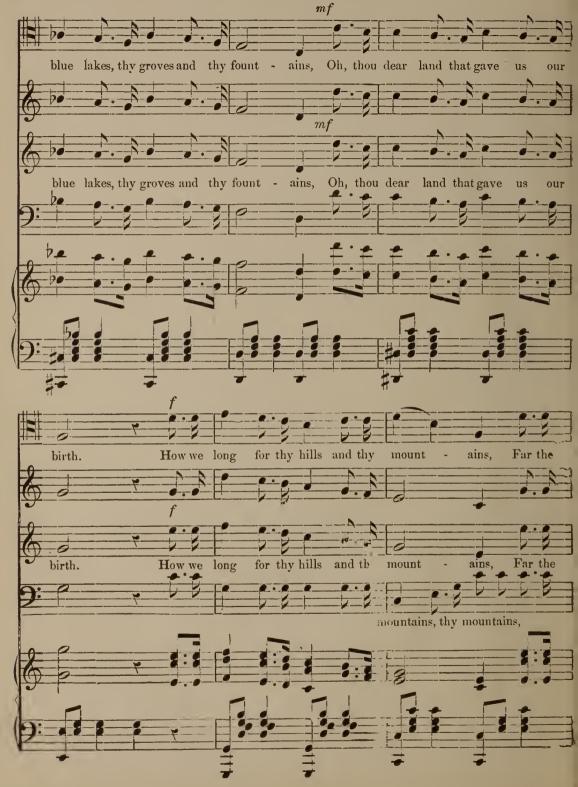


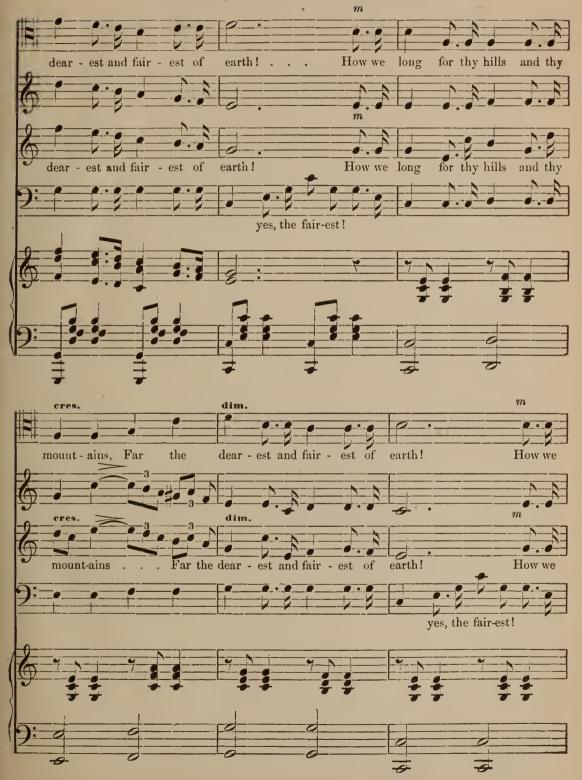


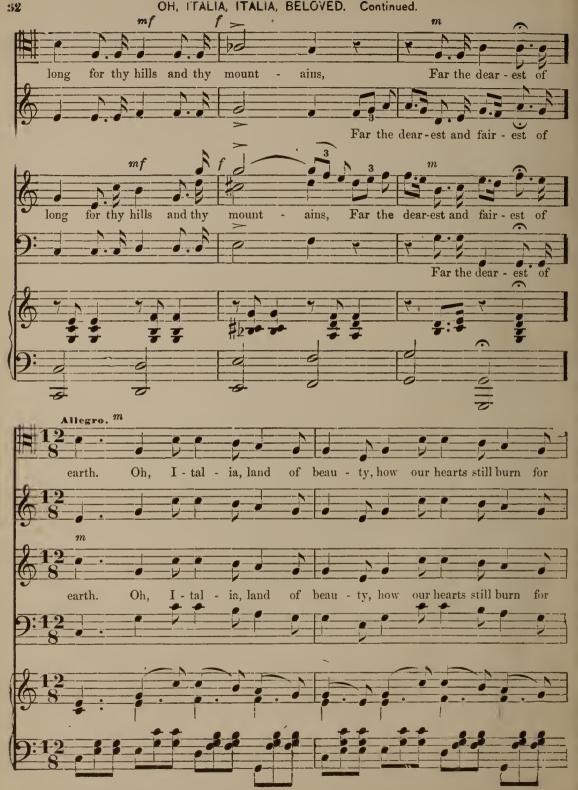


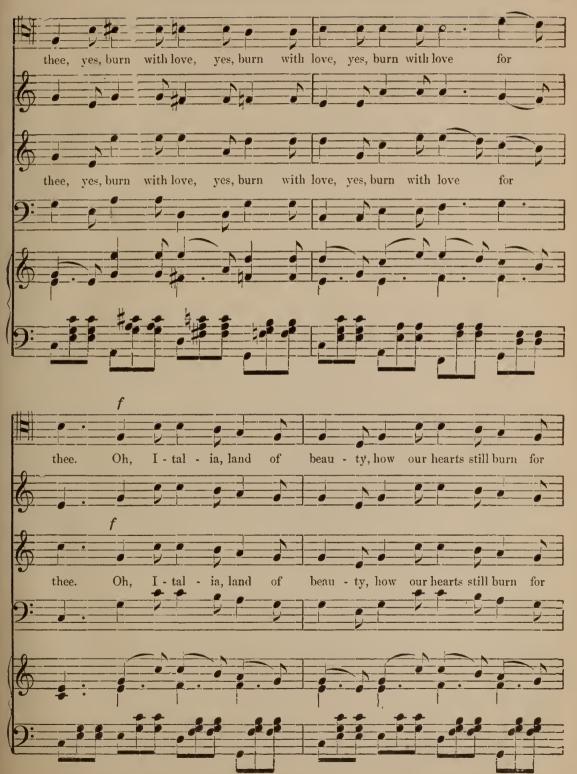


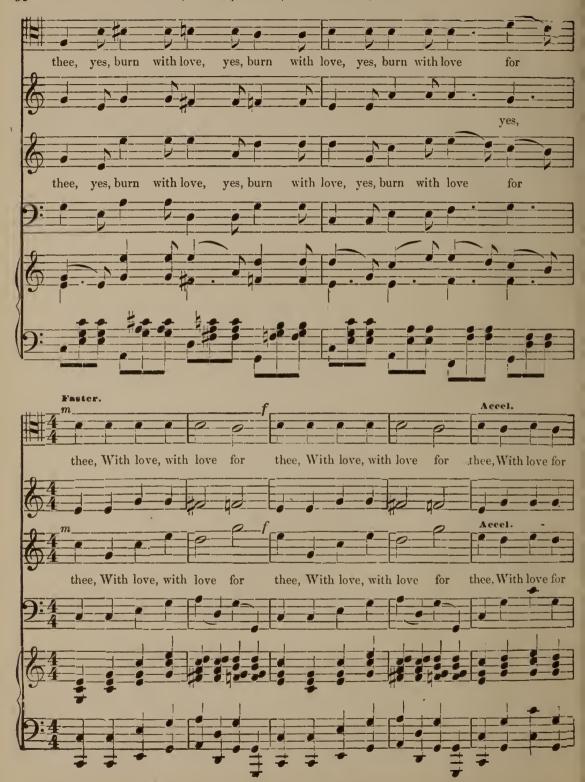




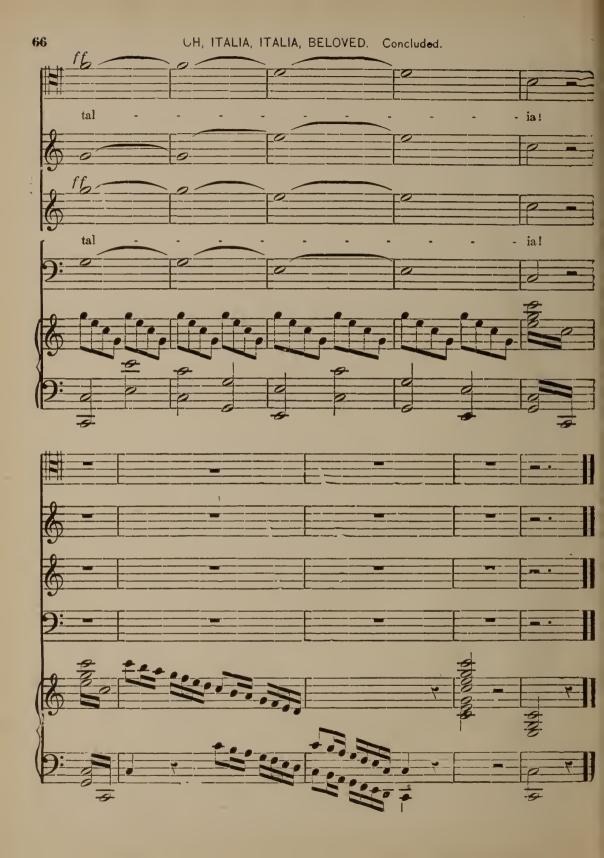


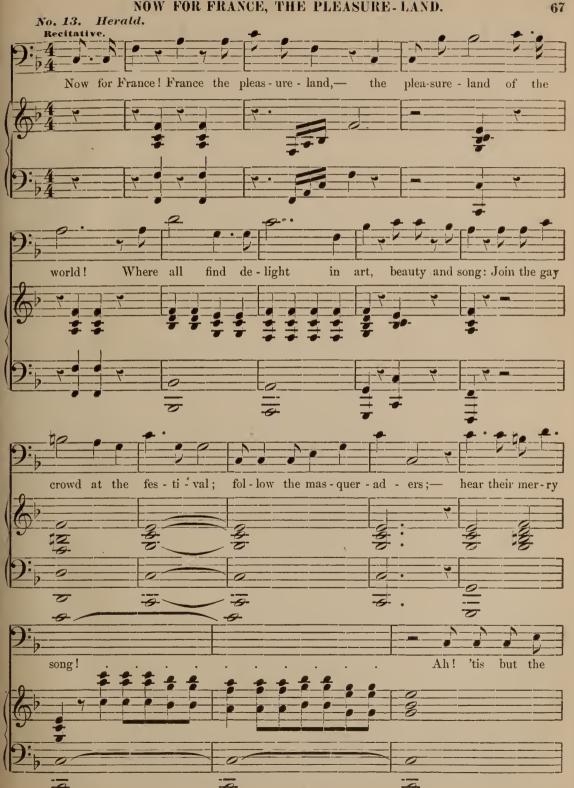


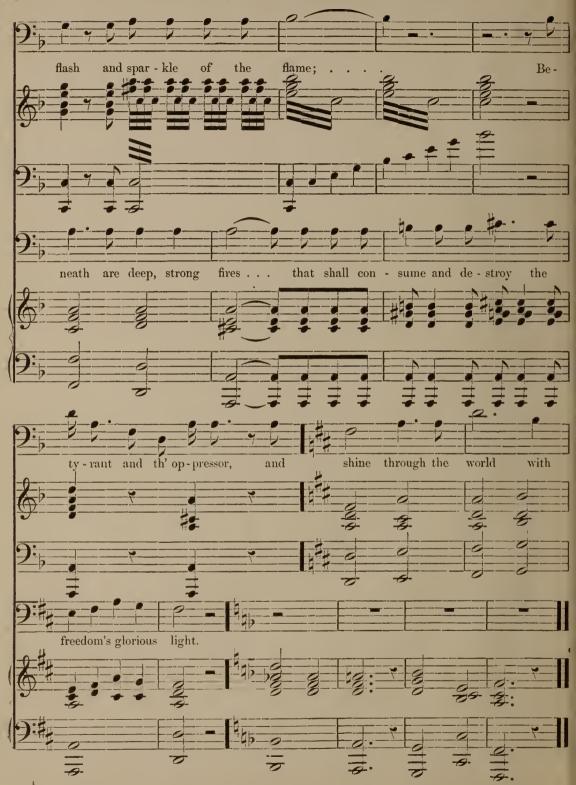




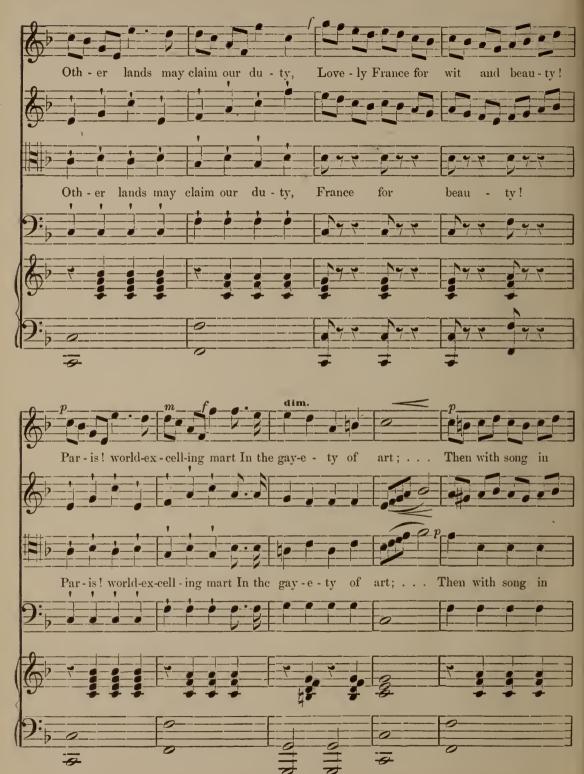




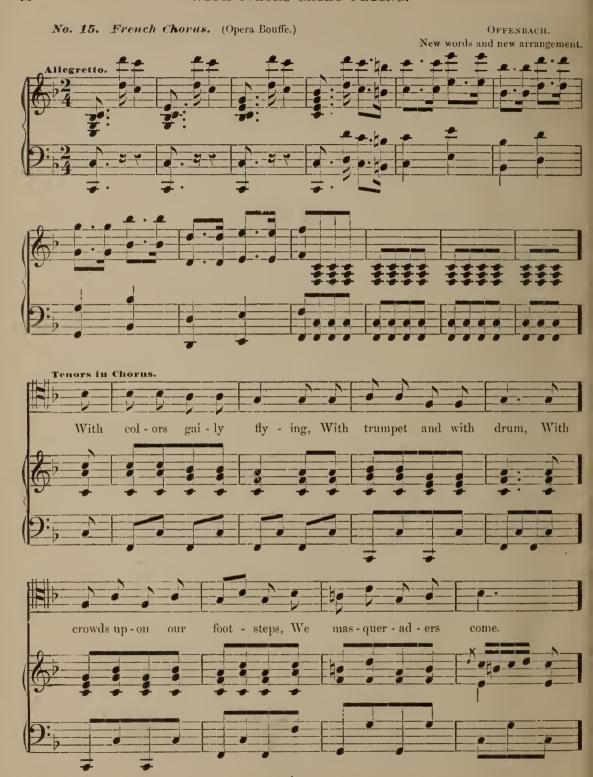




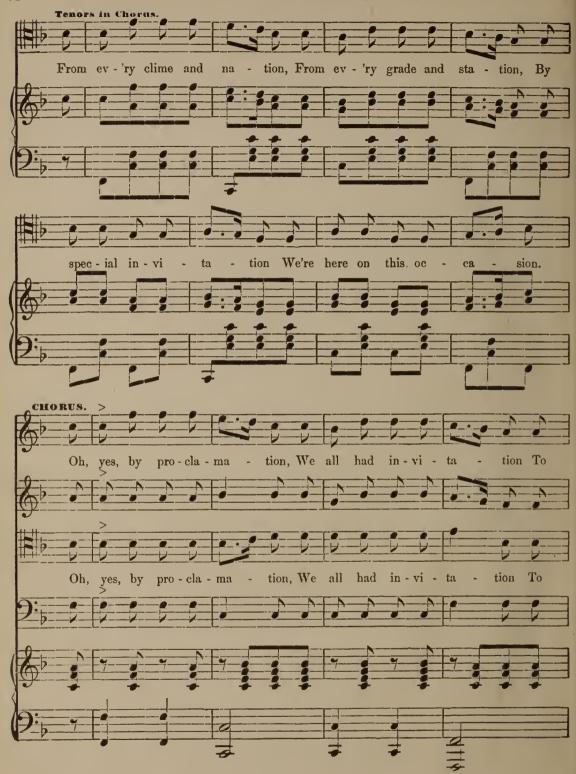
No. 14. French Singers. Quartett. Allegretto. yes, sing for France in joyous measure, Sing for France, the Yes, sing! yes, sing for France in joyous measure, Sing for France, the Yes, sing! land of pleasure, Brilliant in her martial deeds, Brilliant wheresoe'er she leads. land of pleasure, Brilliant in her martial deeds, Brilliant wheresoe'er she

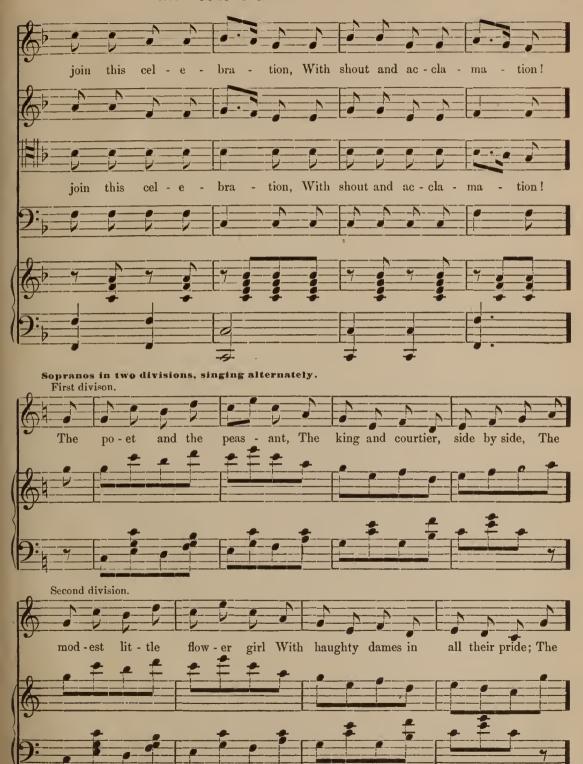


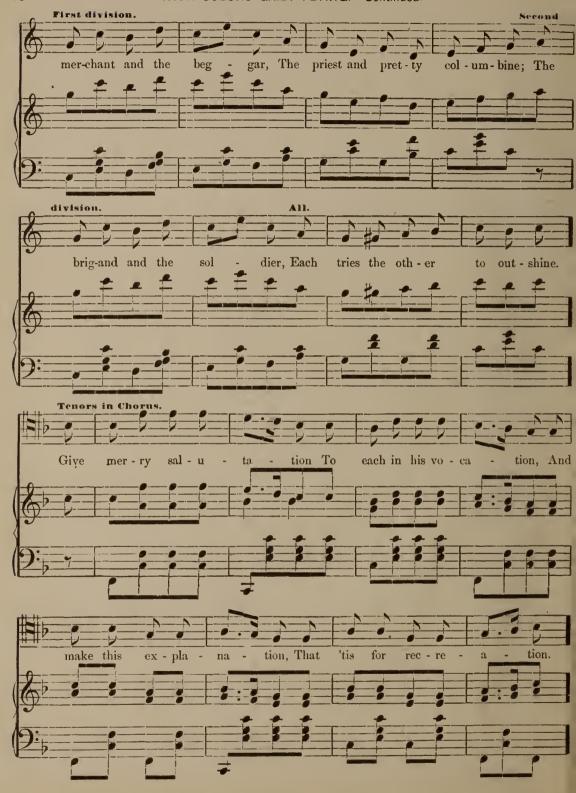




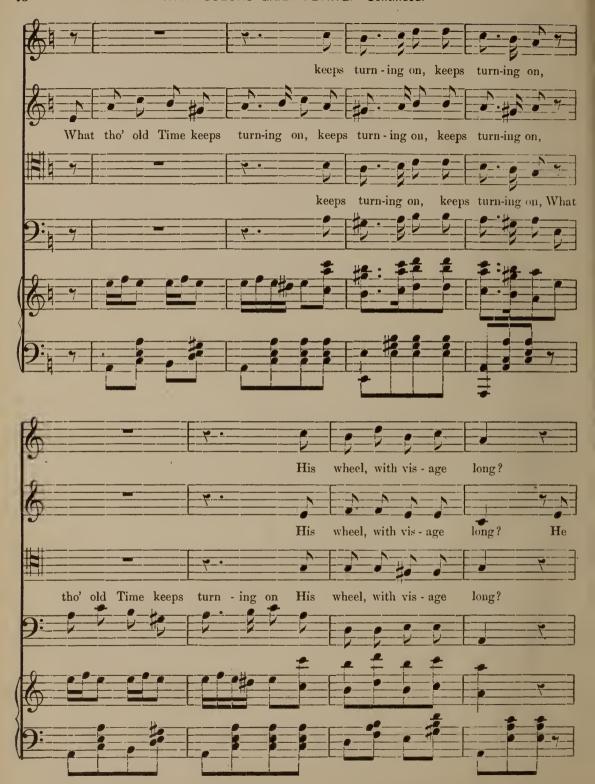






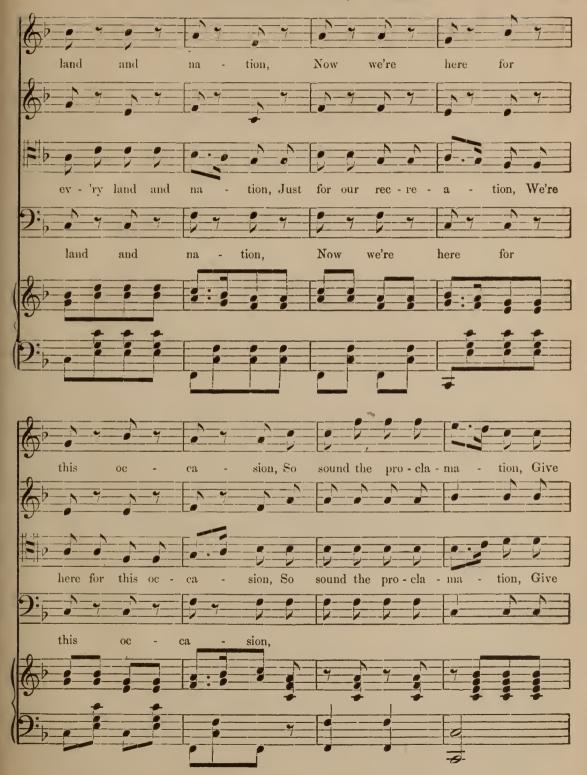


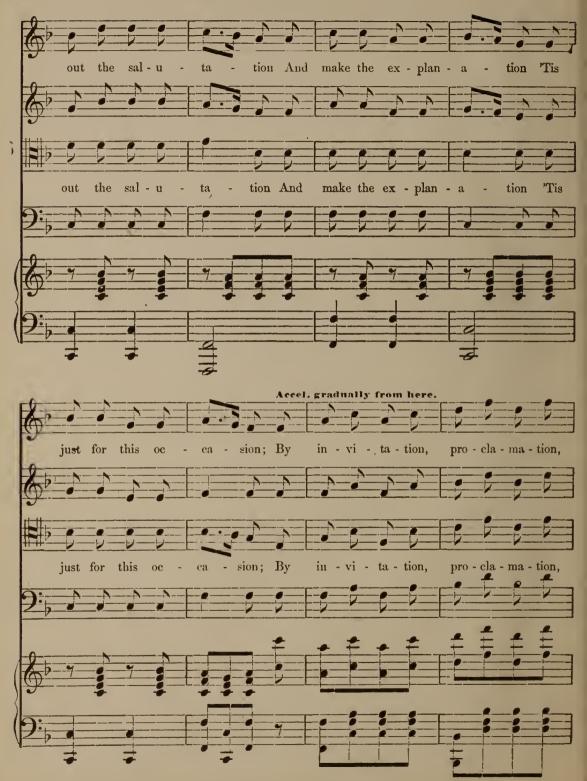


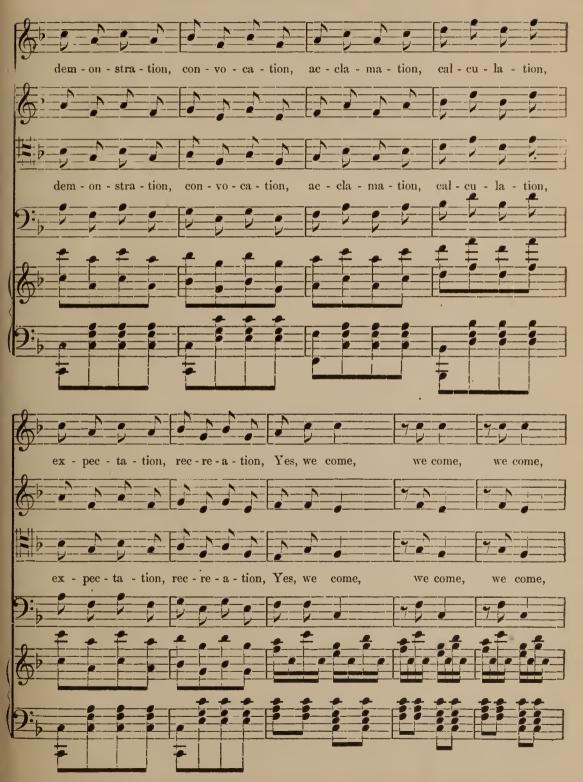


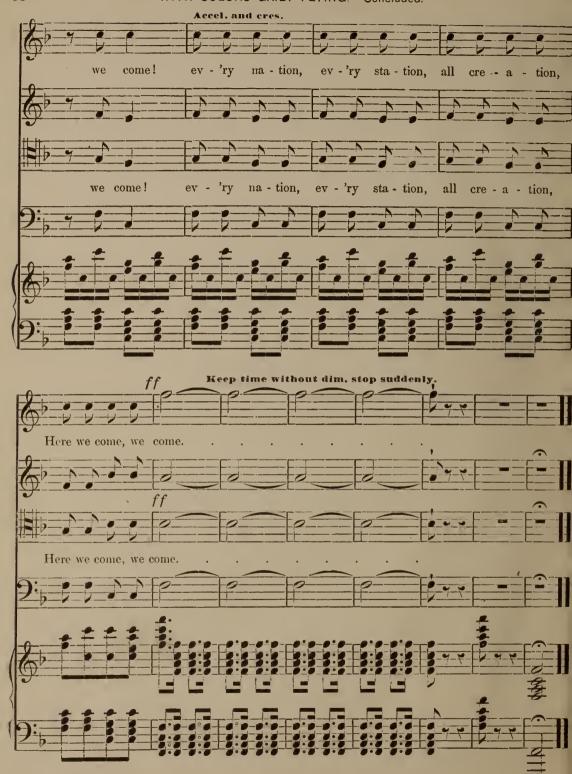








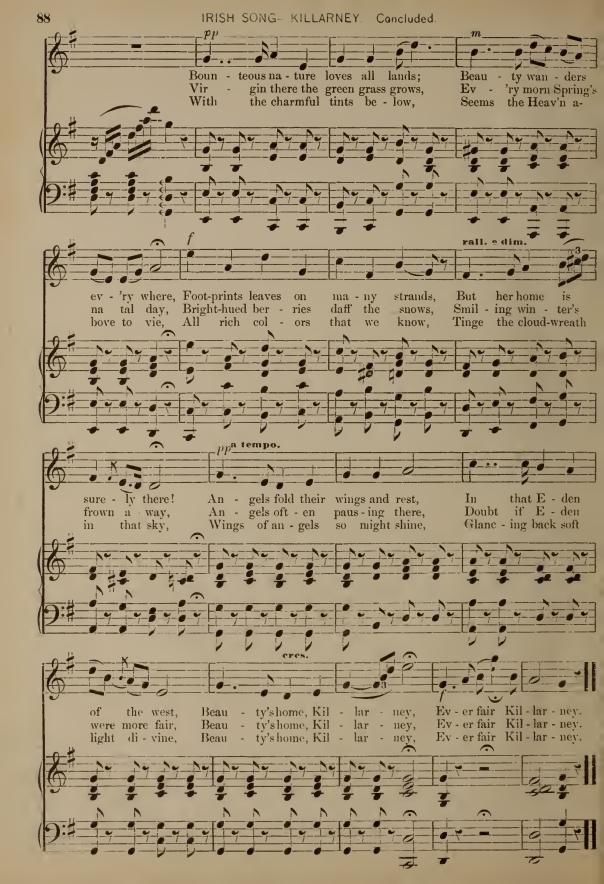


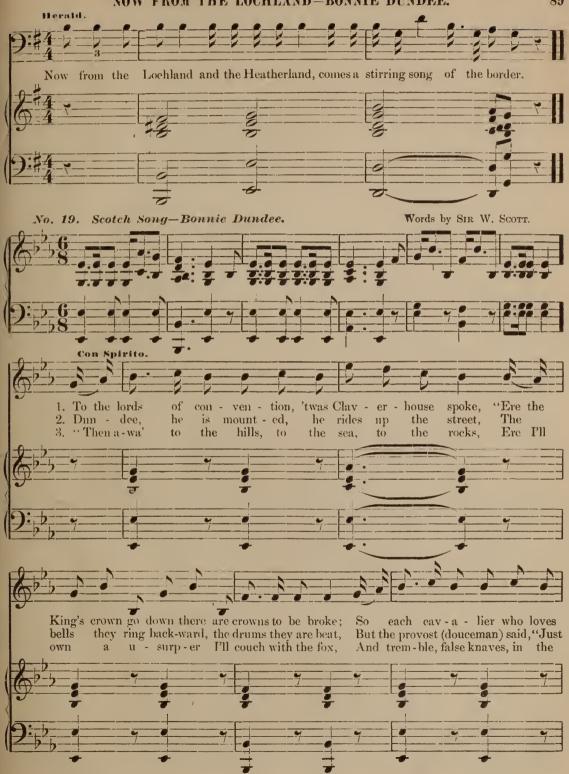


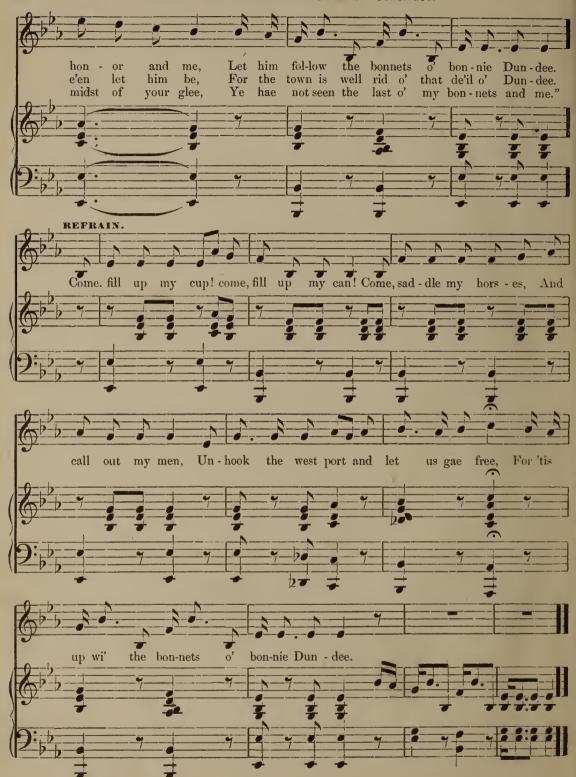


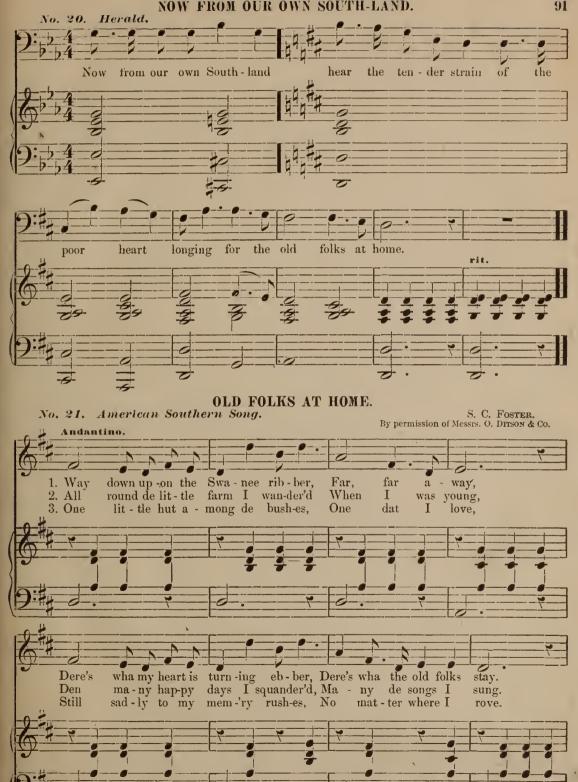




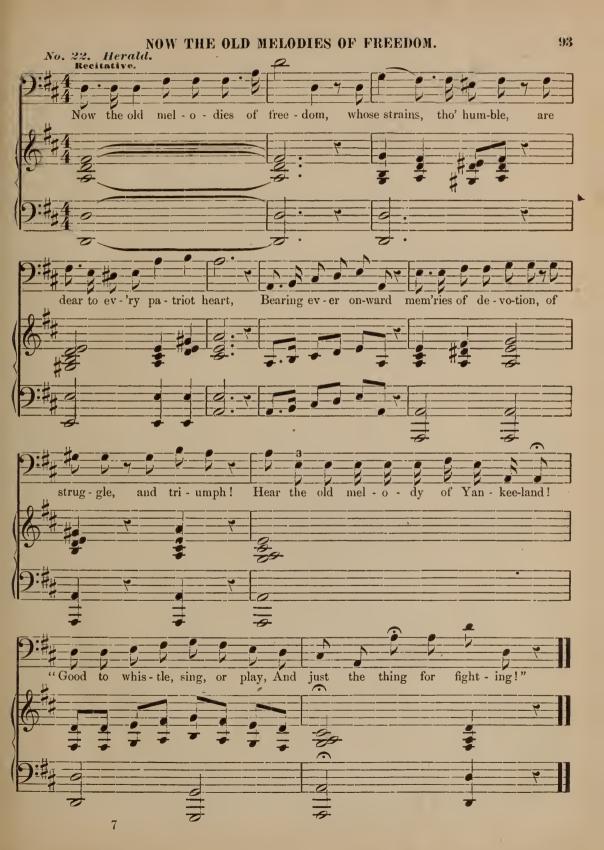




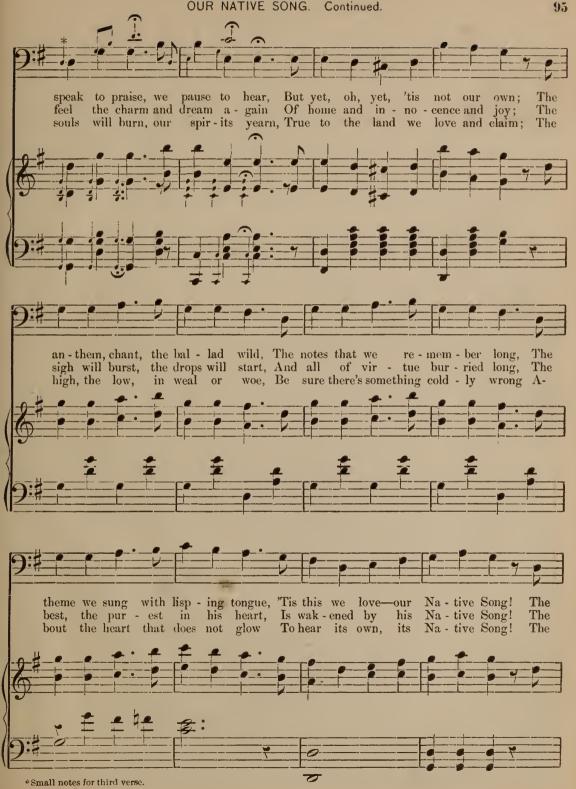




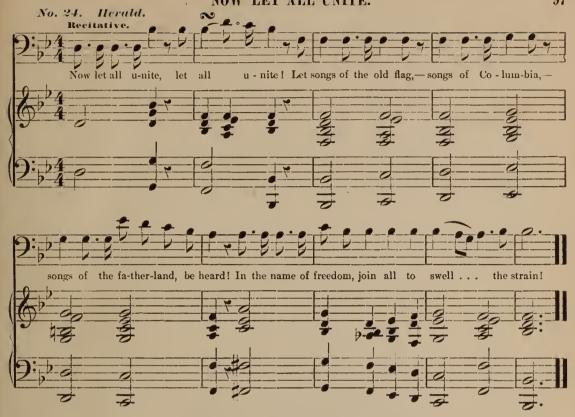








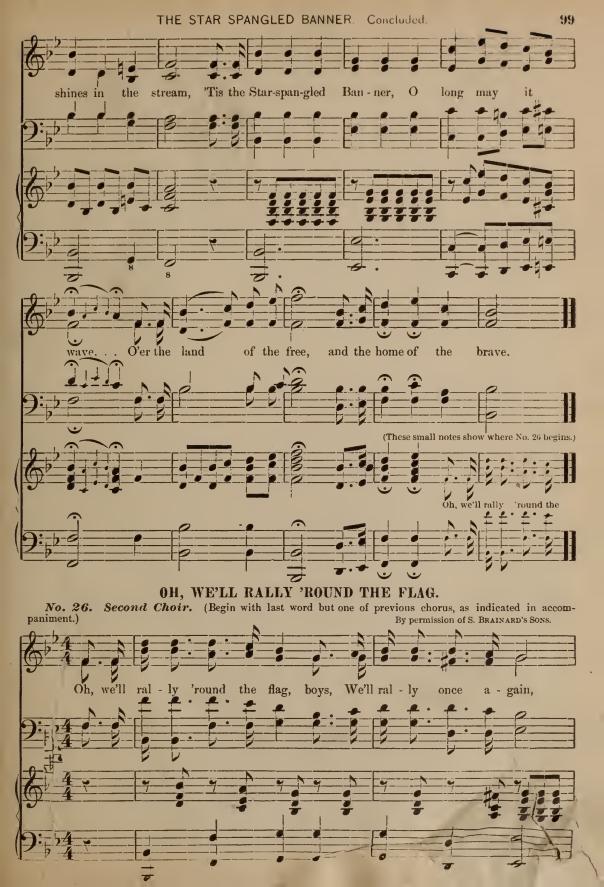


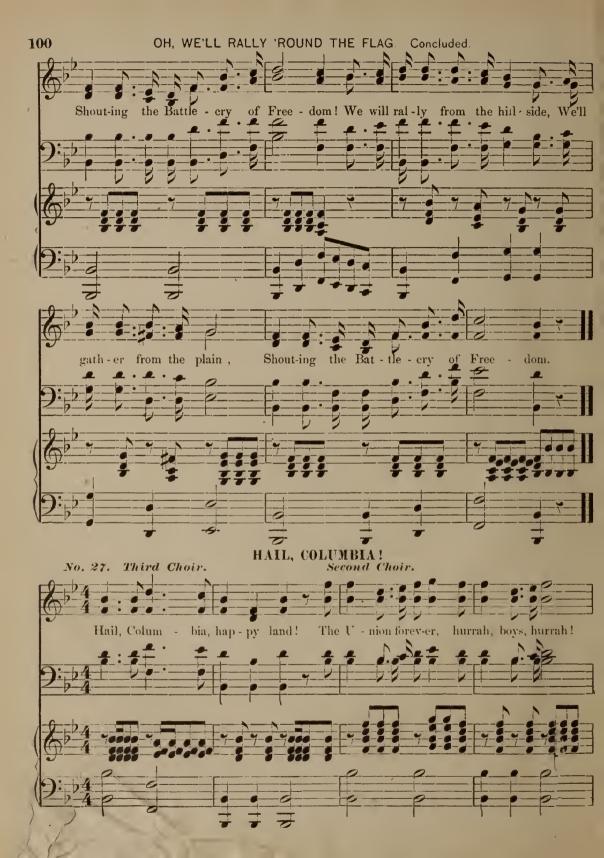


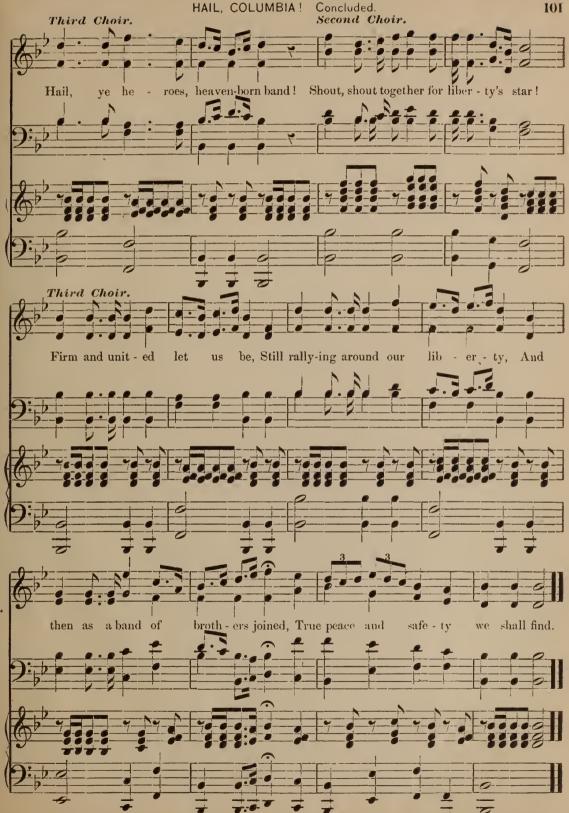
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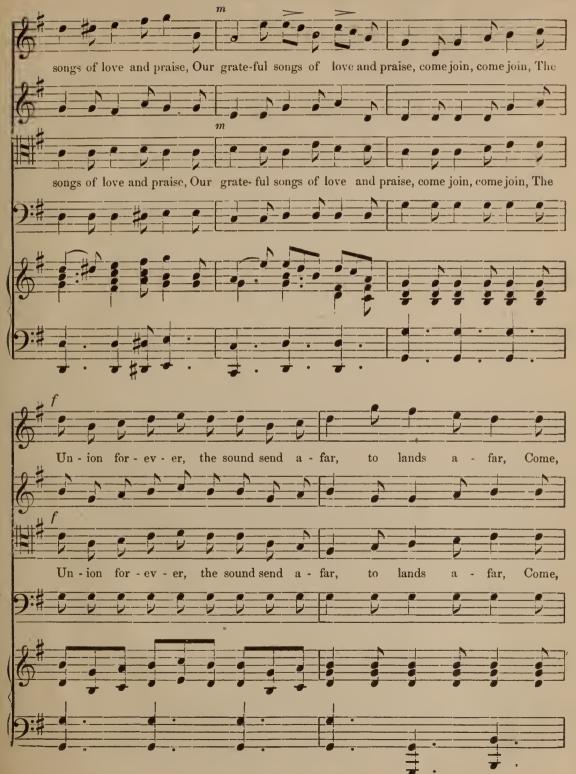








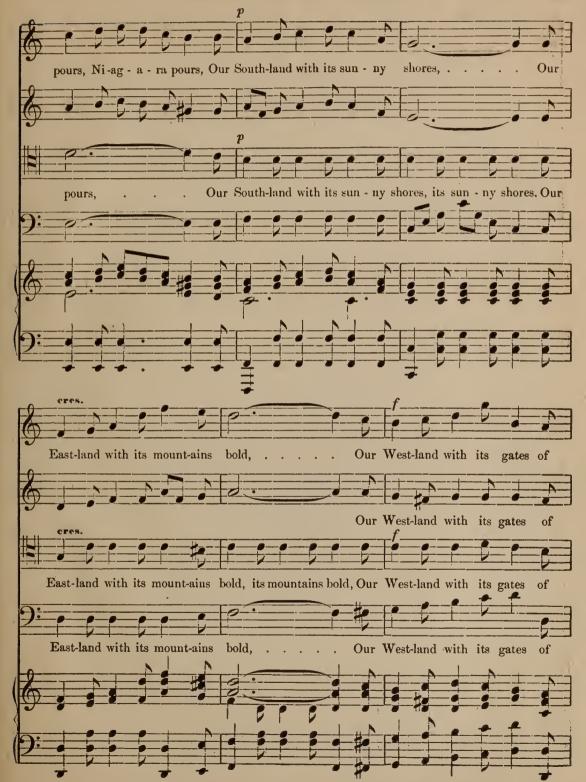




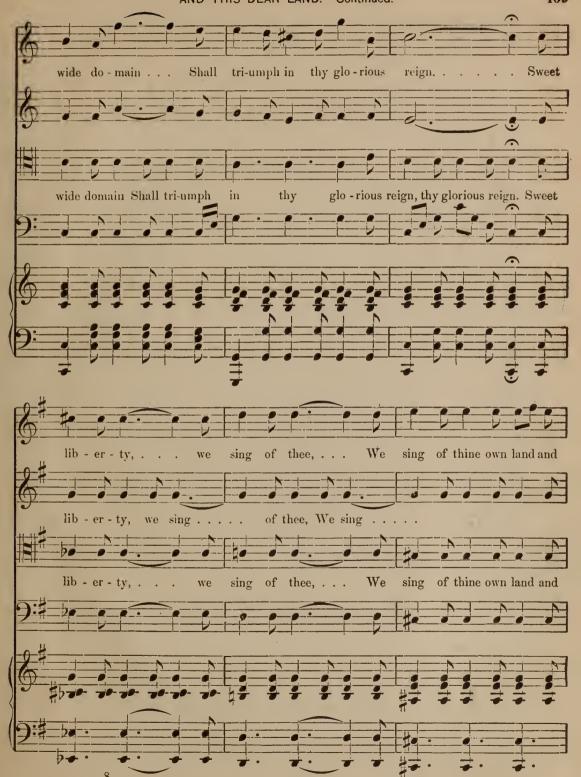














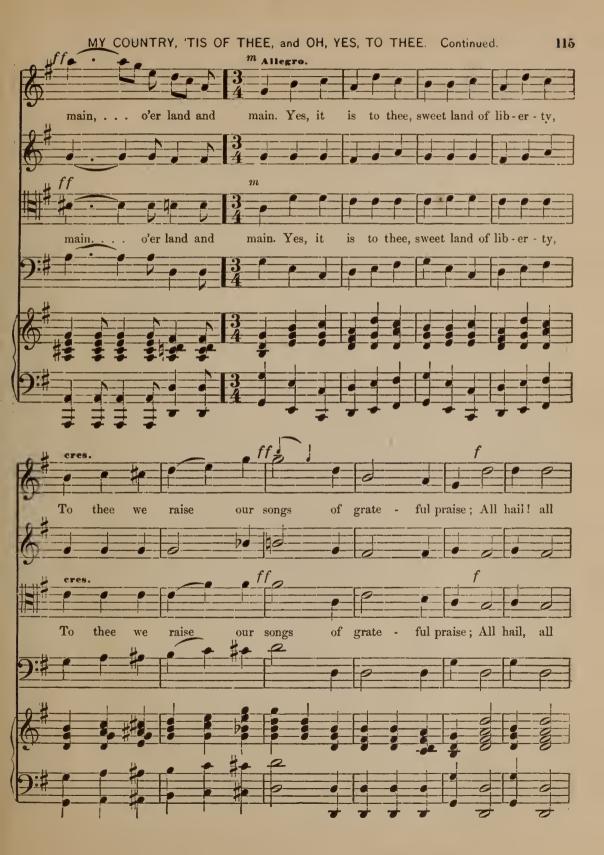
No. 30. Finale. "My Country," etc., Canto fermo, by three, four, five or more strong men's voices, according to the size of the chorus; "Oh, yes, to thee," full chorus.

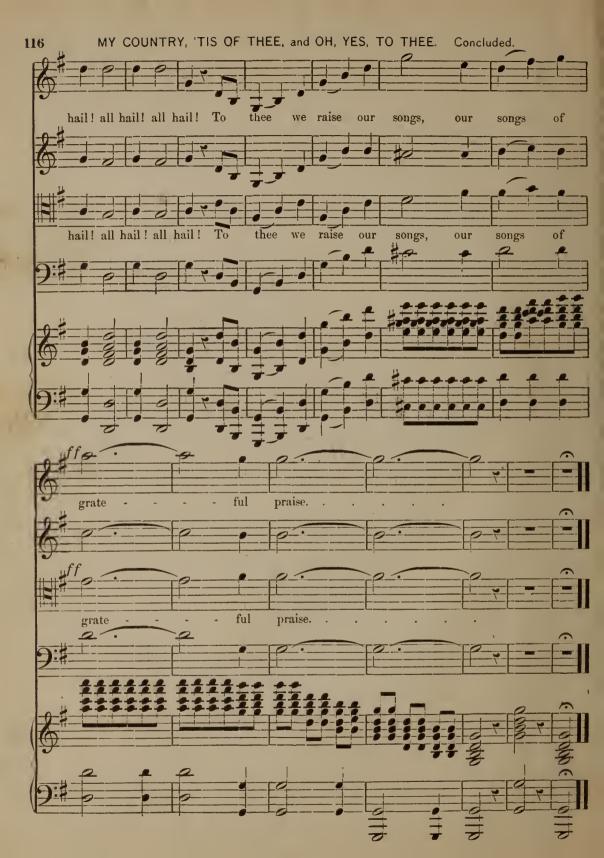


















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